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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Los Angeles City Council will conduct a Public Hearing relative to an Ordinance adding Section 62.177 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish a tree replacement in-lieu fee to satisfy the City's tree planting requirements when a required tree cannot be planted on-site.

The hearing will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Section 62.177 is proposed to be added to Article 2, Chapter VI of the LAMC to read as follows:

SEC. 62.177. ESTABLISHMENT OF TREE REPLACEMENT AND PLANTING IN-LIEU FEE.

(a) Definitions. The definitions provided in Section 62.00 of this Code along with the definitions contained in this subsection shall govern the construction, meaning and application of words and phrases used in this section.

(1) "Board" shall mean the Board of Public Works or its designee.

(2) "Development Tree Planting Requirement" shall mean the tree planting requirement under Section 12.21 (G)(2)(a)(3) of this Code.

(3) "Public Works Tree Planting Requirement" shall mean a tree planting requirement imposed as a permit condition for the removal of a street tree under Section 62.169 of this Code.

(b) An in-lieu fee is hereby established to cover the cost to procure, plant and provide water for three years for each tree required pursuant to a Development Tree Planting Requirement or a Public Works Tree Planting Requirement, as defined herein, when the required tree cannot feasibly be planted on-site. The in-lieu fee under this section shall be as follows:

(1) In-Lieu Fee - Development Tree Planting Requirement: \$2,612 per tree.

(2) In-Lieu Fee - Public Works Tree Planting Requirement: \$1,945 per tree.

(c) Upon the approval by the Board, including a determination by the Board that the site cannot feasibly accommodate a required tree, the in-lieu fee established in Subsection (b) may be used to satisfy a Public Works Tree Planting Requirement.

(d) Upon the approval pursuant to a Director's Decision under Section 12.21(G)(3) of this Code, including a determination by the Director that the site cannot feasibly accommodate a required tree, the in-lieu fee established in Subsection (b) may be used to satisfy a Development Tree Planting Requirement.

(e) The In-Lieu Fee - Public Works Tree Planting Requirement established in Subsection (b) shall be reduced to \$267 per tree for any residential property with four or fewer dwelling units.

(f) The in-lieu fees established in this section shall be collected by the Board and solely used to procure, plant and provide water and maintenance for three years for the required trees. The Board shall determine the locations for trees planted using the in-lieu fees based on the location

of the project triggering the Development Tree Planting Requirement or the tree removal permit triggering the Public Works Tree Planting Requirement, as well as the need for additional trees in an area.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be examined in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90012, or online at lacouncilfile.com referencing Council file No. 16-0461. Written comments may also be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk using the above address. Please reference Council file No. 16-0461 in all correspondence regarding this matter.

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