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The City's Protected Tree Ordinance (Ord. No. 177404) was initially adopted in 1980 to establish clear standards for preservation of specific native trees as vital members of the City's urban forest. The trees covered under this ordinance are not only integral to local habitats, but also constitute significant cultural and historical components of the City's natural topography. The intent of the Protected Tree Ordinance and the policies of the Board of Public Works is to protect these considerable environmental benefits.

On June 17, 2015, the Board of Public Works adopted a comprehensive street tree removal permit and tree replacement condition policy. Key elements of this new policy include the following requirements:

- Require the public be notified of the proposed removal of three or more street trees by: placing a public notice for a 30 calendar days minimum period on each proposed tree removal providing the reason for tree removal and BSS contact information, placement of the address/project on the BSS Street Tree Removal Notification System, informing the Community Forest Advisory Committee, and emailing the respective Council District Office(s) in which the street tree removals shall occur.
- Require a Board of Public Works public hearing for the consideration of the removal of three or more street trees at a specific address or a single project containing multiple addresses.

These public notification and hearing requirements for street tree removals should be expanded to include protected trees on private properties.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that requires a minimum 30-day public notice and a public hearing for any permit application for the removal of three or more protected trees on private property.

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