

Agenda Item: Zoning Motion 2017-3, Text Amendments to the Tree Protection and Landscaping Ordinance

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Background/Issue: The Town Board requested that staff research possible changes to Matthews Tree Protection and Landscape Regulations. Concern was raised because of the large number of trees being removed for new development and the reduction of Matthews' tree canopy.

Planning staff reviewed Matthews current UDO Tree Protection and Landscape Regulations. Staff reviewed processes, responsibilities for Planning staff and the Landscape Manager, and submittal requirements.

Staff attended the August Tree and Appearance Advisory Board meeting and presented the recommended text amendments. There were not enough board members in attendance to have a quorum. Staff presented a variety of changes that could be made to the UDO to enhance the health of Matthews' tree canopy. Based on the feedback received from the Town Board and informal discussion with the Tree and Appearance Board, Staff is presenting the attached text amendments.

Proposal/Solution:

Consider the proposed text amendments.

Financial Impact:

Potential for additional revenues from payment-in-lieu that can solely be used for the enhancement of the Matthews tree canopy and landscaping functions.

Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:

Quality of Life

Recommended Motion/Action:

Schedule a public hearing on the attached text changes to the Landscape chapter of the Matthews UDO.