

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-546

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Carrico

Date of Introduction: July 22, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

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Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Council Member Raul Arias to the Tree Commission, for a term concurrent with the term of the Council President for the 2025-2026 Council Year.

Background Information: The Tree Commission is established as an advisory board pursuant to Chapter 94, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to study, make recommendations, and formulate an overall plan with respect to the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy which includes maintenance of an inventory of the urban tree canopy, conducting educational outreach programs, preparing and analyzing maps, identifying issues relating to health of public trees, recommend and develop opportunities for the City's grant writing office to aide in solicitation of donations to support the tree canopy, perform an annual audit of funded projects to be included in an annual report to the Mayor's Office and City Council. Finally, it is the duty of the Commission to review expenditure proposals for planting projects and formulate a priority list, based on established criteria for recommendation to the Council.

Section 94.103(a)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that one of the seven members of the Commission shall be a member of the Council appointed by the Council President. Members should, to the extent possible, possess specialized knowledge about trees, the Tree Protection Ordinance, Article 25 of the Charter, and/or the impact of construction activities on trees.

Policy Impact Area: Tree Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey