

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2020-616

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: October 13, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

Date of Analysis: October 14, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund for the “630-CITY Tree Planting Program.” The Department of Public Works will continue to provide oversight and the funds will carryover to subsequent fiscal years.

Background Information: The Tree Commission established the 630-CITY Tree Planting Program to allow citizens to request up to two trees per year to be planted on City right-of-way adjacent to their property. Then the Tree Commission voted on September 16, 2020 to recommend increasing the funding for the by \$2,000,000 and to remove the limitation on the amount of trees requested, instead focusing on planting the right tree in the right place. The purpose of this legislation is to provide program funds to be expended in this way: when a property owner enlists the help of the City through 630-CITY asking for a new tree to be installed in the right-of-way adjacent to their property, the Department of Public Works may use Fund 15304 to install a tree approved in accordance with the Approved Trees for City Right-of-Way Landscaping and Parks. The location and species must be approved by a City Arborist.

Policy Impact Area: 630-CITY Tree Planting Program

Fiscal Impact: \$2,000,000 for the “630-CITY Tree Planting Program,” also known as the “Level 1 Tree Planting Program”

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