

YOUR OPINION MATTERS - DETACH AND RETURN

Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: Tamer Investments

Address: 532 Rock St.

I favor: ☒

I object: ☐

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: Lina Lisa Tang



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Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: Steffanie & Tom Jones

Address: 584 W. M. II St.

I favor: ☒

I object: ☐

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: Steffanie Jones Tom Jones

Tom Jones  
(210) 792-2147  
[tomjonesnbt@gmail.com](mailto:tomjonesnbt@gmail.com)

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Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: Brock Blomby

Address: 564 Hill Ave,

I favor: X

I object: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: [Signature]

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Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: Susan & Jay Brewer

Address: 415 So Academy & 453 So Academy

I favor: ✓

I object: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

*Really take exception to the very onerous requirements outlined in 66-69.7 1. a B & c 5.*

Signature: [Signature]



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Case: ~~ORD20-268~~ (CG)Name: Daniel TamezAddress: 532 Rock St.I favor: ☒

I object: \_\_\_\_\_

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: [Signature]

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Name: Communication ProfessionalsAddress: PO Box 211322  
New Braunfels, TX 78131I favor: ☒

I object: \_\_\_\_\_

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: [Signature]

Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: Joy AlexanderAddress: 195 Fredericksburg Rd.I favor: ☒

I object: \_\_\_\_\_

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: [Signature]

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Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: BONNIE LEITCH

I favor: ☒

Address: 548 Hu Ave.

I object:                     

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary) attached

Signature: Bonnie Leitch



The city of New Braunfels is a designated Tree City USA for many reasons. We value our trees. That is why what occurred on Magazine Avenue last year is particularly devastating. If we wish to protect our landmark buildings in the only residential historic district in old New Braunfels, surely the trees that make that district as lovely as it is are also important to preserve.

As a member of the Historic Landmark Commission and a neighborhood resident who walks down Magazine almost daily, the transformation of the property that prompted the proposed the amendment to the tree protection ordinance was particularly sad for me. Given that four old-growth trees were removed in this instance, I would also ask that the penalty be per tree or raised so that it does not become just another expense of doing business.

Below are before and after pictures of the incident:



Before



After





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Name: Sophieburg Memorial Assoc

Address: 401 W. Coll, NB, TX

I favor: ☒

I object: ☐

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: *[Signature]*





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Name: CAROLAN DAVIS

Address: 388 Comal Ave, NB 78130

I favor: ✓

I object: \_\_\_\_\_

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: *Carol Davis*

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Case: ORD20-268 (CG)

Name: Katrina & Charles Storch

Address: 217 Rhine Rd., New Braunfels, Tx  
78130

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: Katrina Storch

I favor: \_\_\_\_\_

I object: ✓

(State reason for objection)

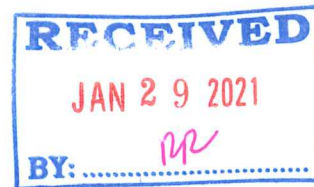
Too much government oversight. People should be able to decide what they want to do with their property.

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BY: PR





We are certainly in favor of the tree protection initiative and the "re-focused" effort to increase attention and awareness to the value of such a program. However, there are a couple of stipulations included in the area of tree replacement found in Section 66-69.7 that, as I understand them, are a bit onerous and we find reaches beyond a reasonable response.

le Section (1) A calls for a one inch to one inch ratio, which we find unrealistic. We now of a tree that was removed around here that we 14' around at about the area you refer to as the DBH - - does that mean one would have to replace it with a 14' tree??

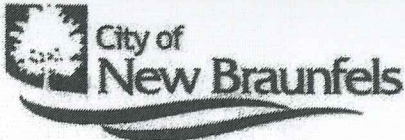
Section (1) B calls for two inches to one inch ration??! And why would/should it have to be a tree of the same - or predominant - species for the neighborhood. That seem overly restrictive - and what if the "family/owners" have a "favorite" species which they would choose to plant that would be quite compatible with the neighborhood?

Section (1) C same "replacement size" requirement??

Section (4) Do not necessarily agree with the 24 month standard and the requirement of replacing a re-planted tree. Are there allowances made for periods of drought and reduced watering restrictions? The applicant would have made the "good faith" effort and spent a fair amount of money to replace the tree and would likely want to do what it takes to be certain that investment survives.

Section (5) Need to have a lot more information relating to this requirement!

Section 66-69.8 If there's more than one tree involved - - is it \$2,000. Per tree??!



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Name: ANN AYRES JOHNSON

Address: 589 Magazine Ave.

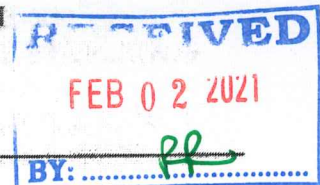
I favor: \_\_\_\_\_

I object: X

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: Ann Ayres Johnson



I generally agree with providing some protections for trees on historic properties in New Braunfels, especially related to new construction in historic and landmark areas of the city. However, I am concerned that the language of this amendment too severely limits the rights of conscientious homeowners to manage the trees on their historic property. As an example, I feel it is an undue burden for a homeowner to be required to obtain a permit just to cut down a single tree on their own land.



## Caleb Gasperek

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**From:** Tobin Hoffmann <tchoffmann@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Caleb Gasperek  
**Subject:** chapter 66 public hearing

Caution: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Tuesday night has been a Scouting night for me for the last 37 years so being unable to zoom tonight, here are just a few thoughts on the tree protection ordinance....

I think the inclusion of residential property in the ordinance is a bit too far... most residential property owners in the historic area already know the value of their trees and for the most part take the time to trim, prune and nurture their trees. As they have no constraints for parking and fire access like the commercial property owners, my observations have been that if anything, they try to maintain a tree far longer than they sometimes should, sometimes to the detriment of the tree,(cabling, chaining, limb props). To add additional process via permitting, replanting, fines and indulgences, not to mention the requirement to hire and use a licensed arborist will strain the budgets of many of our community that live on fixed incomes within the historic boundaries.

The downside of this is that we will occasionally lose a large "historic tree" from (1) neglect or disease and (2) sometimes due to the shortsightedness of the intrinsic value to the residential property owner, but, for the first part, no part of this amendment address current care of an existing tree and for the second part, you can't fix stupid.

as an alternative, could we not just identify the trees within the historic districts that meet the criteria of "historic" and:  
1. inform and congratulate the property owner on having the tree(s) 2. offer an evaluation by a city arborist on the health and care of same 3. remind the property owner of the value of the tree(s) 4. thank them for their help in keeping those trees healthy and whole.

I think folks by nature want to do the "right" thing and just need a little positive reinforcement and guidance to become part of the team.

you can reach me by cell 8306208519 or email... Thank you for your time and efforts!

Tobin C Hoffmann, CFP



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Name: Kevin Fisher

Address: 708 West Mill Street

I favor: \_\_\_\_\_

I object: ✓

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature: Kevin Fisher

*I believe it is a severe  
infringement of private  
property rights.*





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Name: DOREEN FISHER

Address: 708 W MILL ST

I favor: \_\_\_\_\_

I object: X

(State reason for objection)

Comments: (Use additional sheets if necessary)

SEE ATTACHED

Signature: 

I object to the proposed Case ORD20-268 (CG) because:

1. I don't believe the city should be imposing even more restrictions on citizens making improvements to their properties;
2. This ordinance would impose a thinly-veiled additional property tax burden on citizens;
3. It will be an undue burden for a citizen to wait up to 4.5 months to receive approval to remove a diseased or damaged tree that might be about to fall:
  - a. On their home or other structure on their property,
  - b. On a citizen walking along the sidewalk or street in front of their property, or
  - c. On a citizen on their own property; and
4. The city is giving every appearance that they do not trust the citizens of this city who own historic properties to make good decisions regarding preservation and maintenance of said properties.