

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

<p>City Plan/Council Priority: Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan</p>	<p>Action 1.11: Update policies and codes to achieve development patterns that implement the goals of Envision New Braunfels. Action 2.1: Sustain community livability for all ages and economic backgrounds. Action 3.2: Consider multiple factors for guiding community growth, such as our downtown and the natural environment. Action 3.6: Proactively provide a regulatory environment that remains business and resident friendly. Action 3.10: Change zoning/land use and platting rules and create tax and permit fee incentives in underutilized neighborhoods, nodes and corridors to encourage redevelopment. Action 4.26: Enhance community sense of place by creating spaces and facilities that reflect the community. Action 5.17 Review and update the tree and landscape ordinances to ensure New Braunfels remains a green city and expands its tree canopy.</p>
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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 7, 2020 and recommended approval unanimously, with a recommendation to edit references to planning director/planning and development services department responsibilities, to the planning and development services director or his/her designee. Staff concurs with Planning Commission’s recommendation and has made those edits to the draft ordinance attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval. This proposed new language will add clarity to the landscaping and tree planting requirements and will prioritize helping preserve existing healthy tree canopy over requirements for new plantings where applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Ordinance