

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the planning commission of the City of St. Louis Park will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. regarding proposed changes to the tree preservation requirements in the zoning code. The amendments add a definition for heritage (or mature) trees, establish standards for replacing heritage trees and offer credits for preserving heritage trees during construction. The current tree preservation regulations apply only to trees on public land, and trees on private commercial properties and within new residential subdivisions. The regulations do not currently apply to trees on existing privately-owned one-family and two-family lots. The draft ordinance does not propose to expand the scope of the code to include trees on existing one- and two- family lots, but it has been part of policy discussions and scope changes related to tree preservation regulations could occur during the process.

Meetings of the planning commission will be conducted in person at City Hall (5005 Minnetonka Blvd). Visit <https://bit.ly/slppcagendas> to view the agenda and reports. Members of the public can monitor the meeting by video and audio at <https://bit.ly/watchslppc> and local cable on Comcast SD channel 14 or HD channel 798.

Members of the public who want to address the planning commission during the hearing on the regular meeting agenda may attend the meeting in person. If you cannot attend in person, written or emailed comments will be accepted and must be received by 3:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. Emailed comments can be directed to Katelyn Champoux, associate planner, kchampoux@stlouisparkmn.gov. Comments can also be mailed or dropped off at St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416, to the attention of Katelyn Champoux. Written and emailed comments will be provided to the planning commission at the meeting and will be included in the official meeting record.

Auxiliary aids for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. To make arrangements, please call 952.924.2575 at least 96 hours in advance of meeting.

If you have questions, contact COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT at 952.924.2575.

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