

# Protecting Leaves and Adding New Trees



## (PLANT) Ordinance

## Notice of Public Meetings



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**Location: West Central Community Center (1603 N. Belt St.)**

**Date: Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Time: 5:30pm – 7:00 pm**

**Location: South Hill Public Library (3324 S. Perry St.)**

**Date: Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm**

### **Description:**

Spokane's urban forest is a unique environmental asset to the City. Trees within the City limits produce oxygen and filter airborne pollutants, save energy costs, and reduce storm water runoff, among other benefits. The PLANT Ordinance, sponsored by Council Member Lori Kinnear, seeks to help the City achieve its goal of reaching 30% canopy by 2030 by amending Title 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code to:

1. Remove exception for street tree planting requirements when construction new single family and duplex dwelling units
2. Allow the City to undertake street tree maintenance work and charge abutting property owners when an adjacent owner fails to maintain adjacent street trees and required landscaping.
3. Require the installation of auto-irrigation systems (if not installed already) in planting strips when a property undergoes new construction
4. Implement fees in lieu of planting street trees in limited circumstances
5. Emphasize and clarify regulations to protect trees during construction of new or renovated buildings
6. Create a new incentive-based tree retention City utility bill credit program

**Come learn more about PLANT and provide feedback by attending one of the public meetings listed above!**

**Call 509.625.6715 with any questions.**