

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A PUBLIC PROCESS FOR TREE ORDINANCE CHANGES (2009-09-28/R-4)**

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to solicit input on tree canopy protection from the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to received recommendations or options from Town staff that consider community input; and

WHEREAS, the Council received a proposed schedule for public input and staff recommendations:

Date*	Action	Notes
Week of October 4, 2009	Distribute draft ordinance and request feedback from stakeholders	Sierra Club, arborist community, civil engineers, NCD representatives, other neighborhood groups  Include information on public meeting
Week of October 4, 2009	Advertise public session	Make materials available on the town's website
Week of October 26, 2009*	Hold open public session	Provide maps, interactive explanations and collect input (written and spoken) Consultant attends to present information and assist in collecting feedback
October 21 – October 30, 2009	Staff drafts recommendations based on public input	Staff recommendations may include options for including public input.
December 2009 - January 2010	Planning Board meets to review recommendation	Planning Board makes recommendation to Council
February 15, 2010	Town Council opens Public Hearing	Council reviews staff and Planning Board recommendations

*\*Note: all dates subject to final confirmation with consultant and staff*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby endorses the proposed schedule as submitted by the Planning Department and Public Works Department on September 28, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council anticipates a spring 2010 public hearing to review recommendations for a proposed Tree ordinance.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.