

Trees in Chapel Hill

The Chapel Hill Town Council invites public input and discussion on proposed changes to the Tree Protection Ordinance at a Public Hearing set for May 14



Proposed changes to the Tree Protection Ordinance would establish a new vision statement that calls for no net loss of trees/canopy cover and an increase in trees proportional to population growth. Regulations propose a permitting process for tree removal on private property including residential.

The first step of the phased proposal would require a permit to remove trees in a cumulative area of more than 5,000 square feet. Changes are also proposed to lower the threshold size of trees that must be surveyed. The ordinance revision is linked to a commitment to sustainability with the potential to reduce carbon emissions and decrease the urban “heat-island” effect.

The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Information: 968-2728 or www.townofchapelhill.org

