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Memorandum

DATE: March 27, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager 

FROM: Nathan Ullyot, Director
Matt Brezina, Parks Manager

DEPT: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Revisions of Reno Municipal Code Section 8.32(Trees and Shrubs)

Background

In early 2025, staff began a review and update of Title 8 Section 32 of the Reno Municipal Code (RMC 8.32) regarding the promotion and protection of trees in public spaces. The goal of this effort is to modernize language and provide the Urban Forester with the tools and protection needed to preserve our urban canopy.

The language drafted by staff was presented to the Reno Urban Forestry Commission in December for feedback and recommended changes. Comments were positive and constructive, and those changes were included in the final draft submitted to the City Attorney's Office (CAO) for review in January. CAO comments were provided to staff, and changes have been implemented.

Next Steps

Staff is moving through the steps that are appropriate to bring this update to City Council. Those steps include:

- Urban Forestry staff presented the recommended changes to Department heads on March 16, highlighting some of the more substantial changes that may affect other departments' operations and stakeholder groups.
- Department heads are expected to submit constructive feedback and recommendations by March 27, including any suggestions for further public outreach that aligns with recent code updates.

- Parks and Urban Forestry staff will present the update at Council policy briefings in April.
- Staff will subsequently coordinate public outreach initiatives with stakeholder groups.
- At the conclusion of public outreach staff will incorporate appropriate changes and begin the process of Urban Forestry Commission recommendation and Council Adoption.
- Council adoption will follow which will require a first and second reading of the ordinance before adoption is complete.