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## ZONING INTERPRETATION MEMORANDUM

Memorandum Z-17-02

DATE: January 31, 2017

FROM: Jared E. Munster, Ph.D., Director

RE: Parkway (Street) Tree Requirements for Development and Redevelopment of Property

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Requirements for parkway trees are outlined in Section 23.11 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and restrict the requirement thereof to Central Business, Commercial Center, and Institutional Campus Districts.

In other Districts, the City may only consider the requirement or retention of parkway trees, with respect to the CZO, under the following circumstances:

- 1) In the evaluation of a landscape plan, which requires preservation of parkway trees as an element of consideration pursuant to Section 23.10. This Section does not allow for a mandate of additional trees, but does provide the flexibility for the replacement of trees which may be removed based on the standards set forth in this Section and with the authorization of the Director of the Department of Parks and Parkways.
- 2) In the evaluation of a Conditional Use, Planned Development, or Variance request where such a proviso may be included by the City Council or Board of Zoning Adjustments when a reasonable nexus exists between the site condition seeking approval and the requirement of a parkway tree to mitigate said condition.

Nothing in this memorandum or contained within the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance shall be construed to supersede the authority of the Director of the Department of Parks and Parkways relative to the permitting of installation, trimming, or removal of parkway (street) trees on the public right-of-way.

