

Policy Title: **Relocation, Removal, and Replacement of Protected Trees**

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Overview:

Description: This policy letter implements how the Department of Growth Management planning staff interprets Section 6.05.032, Relocation, Removal, and Replacement of Protected Trees of the Land Development Code, Ordinance 91-1, as amended.

Purpose/Rationale: The staff recognizes the fact that Section 6.05.032 can be interpreted several different ways and that there is a need to establish a policy that will foster one way of doing business.

Application: This policy applies to all developments less single family detached and two family dwelling units, silvacultural and agricultural uses, activities, and public utilities.

Policy:

General:

- a. Where practical, when proposed improvements necessitate removal of a protected trees, the owner or his agent shall replace the removed protected tree with a protected tree species or a species identified on the tree replant list, Section 6.05.033, Protected Tree List.
- b. A replacement ratio of 1:1 (one (1) inch replaced for every one (1) inch of protected tree removed) shall be applied.
- c. Trees identified as diseased or dead shall not be required to be replaced.
- d. The replacement tree shall measure a minimum of three (3) inches in diameter, at four (4) feet above grade and have a minimum height of six (6) feet at time of planting.
- e. Protected trees that are placed in either the Front Perimeter Landscaped Area or Compatibility Buffer will count towards the 1:1 ratio provided that the protective species planted measures a minimum of three (3) inches in diameter, at four (4) feet above grade and have a minimum height of six (6) feet at time of planting.