

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020
(As Amended)

To Amend Section 1174.05(c)(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington to Amend the Caliper Inch Fee Associated with the Natural Features Section of the Development Standards and Development Standards Text Found in the Planned Unit Development.

WHEREAS, it is the wish of City Council to monitor and revise the Planning and Zoning Code of the City to ensure economic viability and preserve the character of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Codified Ordinances requires City Council to refer any district boundaries or classification changes to properties to the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Commission reviewed this item on March 12, 2020 and on May 14, 2020 when it forwarded its recommendation to City Council based on the Planning Goals of the City, as referenced in the Land Use Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 1174.05(c)(B) of the Codified Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

1174.05(c)(B)

The Municipal Planning Commission shall not recommend a PUD if it finds that the Natural Features on such property have been or will be removed, damaged, altered or destroyed in anticipation of development until agreement is reached between the applicant and the Municipal Planning Commission on permanent restoration of Natural Features. All healthy trees 6" caliper or larger shall be retained or replaced with total tree trunk equal in diameter to the removed tree, and this shall be documented as part of an approved Natural Features preservation plan and/or landscape plan. In the event the Municipal Planning Commission determines that full replacement would result in the unreasonable crowding of trees upon the Lot, or that such replacement is not feasible given site conditions, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per caliper inch of trees lost and not replaced on such property shall be paid in cash to the City for deposit in the Special Parks Fund. Such deposits shall be used for reforestation on public property.

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SECTION 2. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed June 15, 2020

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

Introduced March 2, 2020
MPC March 12, 2020
MPC May 14, 2020
P.H. June 15, 2020
Effective August 16, 2020