

## Summary of proposed updates:

- **Standard recompense** fee of \$100 per tree plus \$30 per DBH inch is ***not changing***. Under the proposed ordinance update, adjustments to recompense are authorized to promote retention of trees and replanting of shade trees. These adjustments include:
  - Credit doubled for **shade trees** planted on properties from which they were removed;
  - Credit authorized for **innovative building** techniques to preserve trees on **private land**.
  - Credit authorized for **green infrastructure** improvements to preserve trees on **public land**.
  - Double inches charged for removal of historic and **specimen trees**.
- **Parking lot requirements** updated to provide more space for trees to grow to maturity; to emphasize tree quality, not just quantity; and to reduce heat island effect.
- **Tree density table** revised for consistency across zoning categories; options for meeting either DBH or # of trees rather than only DBH.
- Special standards for **Historic, Landmark, & Specimen Trees** .
- Emphasis on planting **shade trees**.
- Emphasis on encouraging conditions to support **tree health and longevity**.
- **Species diversity** required for replacement trees.
- **Front yard planting** (minimum of 10% of total DBH required).
- **Atlanta Public Schools** and **Atlanta Public Housing** subject to private property requirements (more consistent with land use); not subject to inch-for-inch replacement as on park land.
- Revised **Cap on Value of Trees Removed** to prevent both disproportionate costs and inadvertent incentives for the development of certain properties and to align removal costs with replacement costs (applies to vacant new lots, infrastructure, and low income housing).
- **Tree planting by City** may extend to 30 feet of right-of-way (previously limited to 15 feet).
- **Tree Trust Funds** authorized for tree canopy study updates; support of methods that help retain mature trees along sidewalks; and for purchase of forest land protected in perpetuity.

**For more information:** If you have questions, or if you or your group would like to meet with the Arborist Division to discuss the ordinance update, contact **Kathy Evans, Tree Conservation Commission** at 404-330-6235, or by email at [kaevans@atlantaga.gov](mailto:kaevans@atlantaga.gov), or **Jorge Rivera, Arboricultural Manager**, via phone at 404-330-6328, or by email at [jrivera@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jrivera@atlantaga.gov). View the ordinance online at the City of Atlanta website at <http://bit.ly/TreeOrdUpdateLegis01>.