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City to take up tree preservation ordinance June 11

Kerrville (May 13, 2024) – On June 11 the City Council will take up a tree preservation ordinance that will limit the removal of certain sizes and varieties of trees within the Kerrville city limits.

There are trees in our community that may fit into that protected category that are struggling, diseased or dying and need to be removed. For example, the city has seven trees right now that need to be removed. Two of those trees are still alive and have been evaluated by a licensed arborist. Two live oaks that are located in front of the Arcadia Theatre were planted in sidewalk planters that were not large enough for this type of tree. The roots have become root bound and the trunk of one of the trees has split. This is causing the tree to be a danger to private property and pedestrians alike. The trees are schedule to be removed in the next two weeks.

The remaining trees are located on the A.C. Schreiner House campus. These oaks trees around the campus have already succumbed to the wilt. These trees will also be removed to protect public property and pedestrians.

The removal of these trees is a great example of the city understanding both tree preservation concerns and the need to protect private property from dead and dying trees. The proposed tree preservation ordinance will help protect our beautiful old trees while also allowing land owners to remove trees when necessary due to disease and damage.

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