



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

DATE: June 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Legistar File 14-1481 – Proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 3:11, 3:14, 3:15, 3:16, and 3:17 of Chapter 40, Trees and Other Vegetation, of Title III of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

On City Council's June 15 agenda is a public hearing and second reading of proposed amendments to the vegetation section of City Ordinance Chapter 40, Legistar File #14-1481.

The Pedestrian Safety Task Force is working on a high-level recommendation about sight lines. Following is a draft of what the Task Force has written, which will not be finalized until late August after they receive public input:

Sight Lines – *Provide sight lines that permit motorists to see pedestrians at or within crosswalks from a safe stopping distance at all crosswalks and in particular roundabout crosswalks. Towards this end, a citywide evaluation of existing conditions should be conducted and monitored on a regular basis. The evaluation should address vegetation, utility poles, controller boxes, topography, road geometry, etc.*

While the Task Force is unlikely to get to the level of detail proposed in Legistar File 14-1481, I believe City Council would benefit from completion of the Task Force's recommendations before making specific changes to ordinance.

The Task Force will be presenting its recommendations at City Council's September 14 Work Session.

I recommend holding the public hearing and postponing second reading to the October 5, 2015 City Council meeting.