



## Programs & Services Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

7:00pm  
Room 211

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00pm that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/83224726076> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 832 2472 6076.

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #26-26**      **Requesting discussion and possible amendments on notification process for Tree Permit applications**  
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, WRIGHT, BLOCK, FARRELL, LUCAS, OLIVER, LEARY AND GETZ requesting revision and amendments to Chapter 21 Article 3 Trees to apply abutter notification requirements to all permits and require notifications use a template provided by the Tree Warden that includes an explanation of the Tree Save Area and the right of abutters to have their trees protected.
- #29-26**      **Requesting discussion and possible ordinance to incorporate tree preservation into design process**  
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, WRIGHT, BLOCK, FARRELL, LUCAS, OLIVER, LEARY, GETZ, and GREENBERG requesting discussion of procedural changes and possible ordinance to ensure consideration of tree preservation before the design and permitting process, to promote low-impact development and climate resilience.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Josh Krintzman, Chair**

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## Proposed edits to Tree Preservation Ordinance for improved abutter notification:

### Sec. 21-83. Permit application.

#### (a) *Tree Permit Application*

(1) *Required Contents:* An application for a tree permit shall be submitted to the Tree Warden in the form and manner specified by the Tree Warden and shall include the following:

(A) A plan showing the shape and dimensions of the parcel of real property, together with the existing and proposed locations of structures and improvements, if any, and showing the limit of work;

(B) A Tree Plan;

(C) An affidavit, in a form provided by the Tree Warden, attesting that the applicant provided notice to the owners of all abutting properties and all properties directly across the right of way prior to submitting the application along with a list of the addresses of all abutters notified; and

Replace with:

(C) Abutter notice letter, in a form provided by the Tree Warden, and to include an explanation of the Tree Save Area and the right of abutters to have their trees protected; and an affidavit, in a form provided by the Tree Warden, attesting that the applicant provided the notice letter to the owners of all abutting properties and all properties directly across the right of way prior to submitting the application; and a list of the addresses of all abutters notified,

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#### (b) *Exemption Permit Application*

(1) *Required Contents:* An application for an exemption permit shall be submitted to the Tree Warden in the form and manner specified by the Tree Warden and shall include the following:

(A) Documentation showing that the tree(s) to be removed meet the definition of Exempt Tree(s); and

(B) The species and size of each tree being removed, the reason for tree removal, and a diagram and/or photograph depicting the location of each tree to be removed.

Insert after (B):

(C) Abutter notice letter, in a form provided by the Tree Warden, and to include an explanation of the Tree Save Area and the right of abutters to have their trees protected; and an affidavit, in

a form provided by the Tree Warden, attesting that the applicant provided the notice letter to the owners of all abutting properties and all properties directly across the right of way prior to submitting the application; and a list of the addresses of all abutters notified.

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While we're on this page, correct "comprised" to "compromised" below:

- (c) *Fee:* The application for a tree permit shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount(s) listed below.
  - (1) The application fee for a tree permit, shall be \$150.
  - (2) There shall be no application fee for an exemption permit or for a tree permit for the removal of a dead or significantly **comprised** tree in accordance with section 21-83(e)(4).