

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on **Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, Council for the Borough of West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania, will hold the second public hearing at the Borough of West Chester's municipal building located at 401 East Gay Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania, to consider the adoption of, and if approved, Borough Council will adopt an amendment to the Borough Code with the following title and summary:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 102 TITLED, "TREES", TO REPLACE CHAPTER 102 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND TO ENACT NEW REGULATIONS AND INCENTIVES FOR PROPER PLANTING, REMOVAL, MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TREES ALONG STREETS, SIDEWALKS, RIGHTS OF WAY, AND WITHIN PARKS AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The Ordinance explains the purpose and goals of the ordinance as the protection of the urban tree canopy and to provide regulations for proper planting, removal, maintenance and protection of trees within the Borough; defines terms used throughout the ordinance; requires property owners to be responsible for removal of street trees located within the right-of-way; authorizes the Borough's Tree Commission to condemn hazardous trees and order them to be removed; allow appeals from removal orders; provide compensation to property owners for removal of hazardous trees; identify activities which require tree planting; require individuals performing tree work in the Borough to have minimum qualifications; provide a credit against a certain percentage of the annual stream protection fee if a property owner preserves a heritage tree on private property; authorize the Tree Commission to review landscaping and trees proposed on subdivision and land development plans; require tree protections to be implemented during construction activities on property; require a permit for planting, transplanting, cutting, pruning, and removing a street tree; established the conditions for such permits; provide the authority for the Borough to assess fees for costs incurred in planting, transplanting, pruning and removing trees that is the responsibility of the property owner; authorize the Borough to enter a lien against the property for such unpaid fees; require financial security to be posted with the Borough before certain work is conducted on trees and authorize the Borough to impose fines for violations of the ordinance.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection without charge at the Borough of West Chester administrative offices located at 401 East Gay Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof. In addition, certified copies of the proposed Ordinance are also on file and available for inspection by members of the public at the offices of the Daily Local News by calling (215) 648-1066 and the Chester County Law Library, Chester County Justice Center, Suite 2400, 201 West Market Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380.

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