



City of Sanibel

City Council

Natural Resources Department Agenda Memorandum

City Council Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

To: City Council

From: Dana Dettmar, Environmental Biologist

Date: April 22, 2026

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SUBPART B LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, 122, VEGETATION, ARTICLE II, LANDSCAPING, DIVISION 2, COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL USES, SECTION 122-49, TYPES, VARIETIES AND NUMBERS OF PLANTS REQUIRED, SECTION 122-50, INSTALLATION STANDARDS, AND SECTION 122-51, MANITENANCE STANDARDS, TO REVISE THE VEGETATION BUFFER STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL USES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REVIEW TIMELINE

Date	Meeting Type	Summary
02/24/2026	LDC Subcommittee	Feedback provided to staff on recommended revisions. Staff directed to draft code language to be reviewed by Planning Commission.
3/24/2026	Planning Commission	Minor revisions were to the language. Planning Commission unanimously approved the revisions through PC Resolution 26-09 with the recommendation for City Council to adopt the amendments in the form of an ordinance.
4/21/2026	City Council	Discussion and first reading occurred. Discussion moved forward with no revisions recommended by City Council to the proposed language.
5/5/2026	City Council	Consider adoption of the ordinance at Second Reading and Public Hearing.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Consideration of revisions to the vegetation buffer standards contained in Chapter 122, Article II, Division 2 related to commercial and institutional uses.

Recommended revisions include decreases in tree quantities and changes to plant types/quantities dependent on the adjacent use as well as the addition of language to address existing mature trees within buffer areas, compliance following a natural disaster, phased installation of required buffers, and presence of powerlines, public utility easements, and stormwater areas that fall within required buffer areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Staff have not received public comment on this item.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance 26-006 at Second Reading and Public Hearing.