



# City of Sanibel

## City Council

### Natural Resources Department Agenda Memorandum

City Council Meeting Date: 4/21/2026

**To:** City Council

**From:** Dana Dettmar, Environmental Biologist

**Date:** April 1, 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, MAINTENANCE 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 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 to occur at current meeting.

#### 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. Staff to provide a presentation that details the proposed amendments.

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

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Move the draft Ordinance 26-006 to second reading at the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.