

PUBLIC HEARING: Amelia Island Tree Protection Ordinance

The Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) will hold a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Amelia Island tree ordinance. The proposed changes to the County's land development regulations only apply to the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island. The PZB held a public workshop on April 3, 2018 to solicit community feedback and input on the draft, and directed the draft return for a Public Hearing in May.

Anyone interested in the proposed changes are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and provide comments on the draft ordinance.

Who: Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board

When: May 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Why: Public Hearing on the Amelia Island Tree Protection and Replacement Ordinance

Where: James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097

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Please visit the County website at:

<http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/886/Amelia-Island-Tree-Protection>

Links to the full proposed ordinance language and a one-page fact sheet are available.

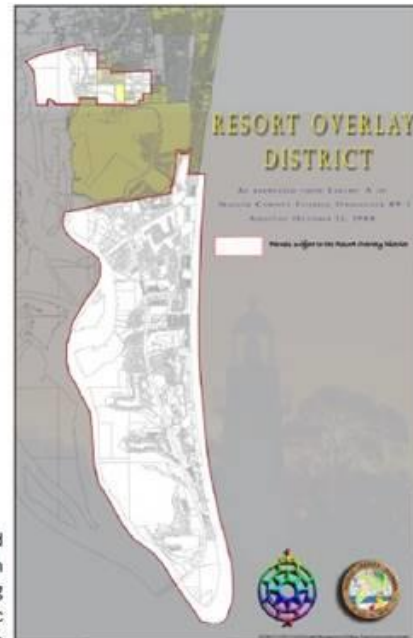
So what does this mean for me?

Trees were already regulated to an extent on Amelia Island, but the biggest changes under this update are:

- All existing properties, including properties with an existing single family home, will be subject to tree protection standards (except outside of the Resort Overlay). All properties are still subject to County landscaping requirements.
- Protected trees—Any healthy tree that is five (5) inches Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) and that is not on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's invasive plant list is a protected tree.
- Protected trees cannot be removed unless they meet requirements outlined in the ordinance.
- If a tree does meet a removal requirement, it will need documentation in the form of photos, a letter, affidavit, or in certain circumstances, a letter from an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist. There will be an auditing process to remove protected trees for all properties - including those of individual homeowners.
- When in doubt, please contact County Planning + Economic Opportunity staff who can answer questions.

What was the process for updating the requirements?

In 2016, a working group comprised of a Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board member, an engineer, a landscape architect, an arborist, and City of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County Planning staff formed to address problems with the existing ordinance. Over the last two years, the working group has held numerous public meetings and workshops attended by citizens, the Amelia Tree Conservancy, the Amelia Island Plantation and other interested parties. Meetings and workshops were noticed and open to the public.



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