

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AMENDING SECTION 18-1533.10(B)(1) TO REMOVE AN INVASIVE TREE SPECIES FROM THE APPROVED TREE SPECIES LIST, OF ARTICLE 15, ZONING; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF SUCH AMENDED ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (LDC-0326-00008, CITY OF PINELLAS PARK)

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park desires to amend sections of the Land Development Code to remove an invasive species from the approved tree materials list under Section 18-1533-10; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission, sitting as the Local Planning Agency, and the City Council for the City of Pinellas Park, Florida have reviewed and held public hearings on said ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 18-1533.10(B)(1) of Chapter 18, of the Land Development Code of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:

(B) The following is a list of acceptable trees by type which may be utilized to meet the requirements of this Section:

1. *Canopy Trees:* Canopy trees are self-supporting, woody plants which normally grow to a minimum height of thirty-five (35) feet in Pinellas County and have trunks which can be maintained with over eight (8) feet of clear wood. For the purposes of this Section, palms shall not be considered canopy trees and shall not be substituted for canopy trees. The following trees shall be considered as acceptable toward meeting the canopy tree planting requirements:

Common Names	Scientific Names
American Holly* (N)	Ilex opaca
Black Cherry* (N)	Prunus serotina
Bald Cypress* (D)	Taxodium distichum
Chinese Elm (N)	Ulmus parvifolia
Camphor (N)	Cinnamomum camphora
Florida Elm* (N)	Ulmus american v. floridana
Green Ash* (D)	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Hickory* (N)	Carya spp.
Jacaranda (F) (N)	Jacaranda acutifolia

Laurel Oak* (N)	Quercus laurifolia
Live Oak* (N)	Quercus virginiana
Loblolly Bay*(F)(O)	Gordonia lasianthus
Loblolly Pine* (N)	Pinus taeda
Longleaf Pine* (N)	Pinus palustris
Pond Cypress* (O)	Taxodium distichum v. nutans
Red Bay* (N)	Persea borbonia
River Birch* (O)	Betula nigra
Sand Pine* (N)	Pinus clausa
Slash Pine* (N)	Pinus elliottii
Southern Magnolia*(F)(D)	Magnolia grandiflora
Sugarberry* (D)	Celtis laevigata
Sweetbay* (N)	Magnolia virginiana
Sweetgum* (N)	Liquidambar styraciflua
Sycamore* (D)	Platanus occidentalis
Turkey Oak* (N)	Quercus laevis
Winged Elm* (N)	Ulmus alata

TABLE 18-1533-1 *Indicates Native Trees.
TABLE LEGEND
(F) Indicates Flowering Tree Species.
XERISCAPE ZONES. This information shall be utilized for creating xeriscape designs.
(N) Natural Zone-Includes trees that can survive on natural rainfall. These plants will require irrigation through the establishment period.
(D) Drought Tolerant Zones -Includes trees that require occasional irrigation. These plants will require irrigation through the establishment period.
(O) Oasis Zones -Includes trees that require frequent irrigation.

SECTION 2: All other provisions of Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Pinellas Park not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Land Development Code of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida, and the publisher of the Code of Ordinances may renumber, reclassify or otherwise insert this Ordinance in an appropriate place to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 4: If a Court of competent jurisdiction at any time finds any provision of this Ordinance to be unlawful, illegal, or unenforceable, the offending provision shall be deemed severable and removed from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force and intact.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PUBLISHED THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

FIRST READING THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

PASSED THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jennifer R. Carfagno, MMC
CITY CLERK