

DATE: December 21, 2010
STAFF: Tim Buchanan
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 127, 2010, Amending Section 27-38 of the City Code Relating to the Licensing of Arborists.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on December 7, 2010, amends City Code to set the renewal date for all arborist licenses as January 31st of each year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - December 7, 2010
(w/o attachments)

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 127, 2010, Amending Section 27-38 of the City Code Relating to the Licensing of Arborists.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Currently, arborist licenses expire one year after they are issued. This results in renewal times and notices being sent throughout the year. The purpose of this change is to make all licenses come due for renewal on the same date each year.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Historically, the Forestry Division has issued an arborist license to each company that meet the licensing requirements for the City. A licensing fee of \$25 is charged to each company at the time of issuance. The license currently is valid for a one-year period from date of issue. After the initial license is issued, tracking and sending out renewal information is not efficient. Staff believes it would be more effective and efficient to cause every license to be renewed by January 31 of each year, beginning in 2011. This system will allow staff to renew all licenses at the same time rather than spreading the process throughout the year.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACTS

An increased efficiency and use of staff time will result from adopting the change.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff has discussed this Code change with many licensed arborists in the City and all agreed that this would be beneficial for them as well as for Forestry staff.

COPY

ORDINANCE NO. 127, 2010
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING SECTION 27-38 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO
THE LICENSING OF ARBORISTS

WHEREAS, Under Section 27-34 of the City Code a business must have an arborist license issued by the City Forester before doing work, for commercial gain or profit, that involves making cuts on trees ten feet or higher off of the ground or applying pesticides to trees; and

WHEREAS, Section 27-38 of the City Code states that licenses issued pursuant to Chapter 27 will expire one year after they are issued, and renewal applications must be submitted to the City Forester; and

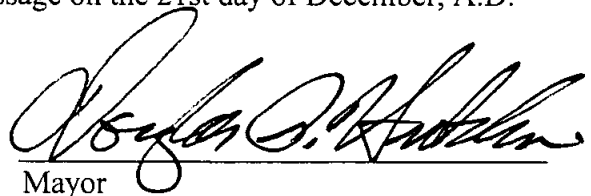
WHEREAS, Forestry Division staff would like to make the license renewal process more efficient by having all City-issued arborist licenses come up for renewal at the same time each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that Section 27-38 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-38. License fees; expiration; renewal.

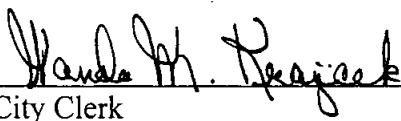
No license shall be issued until the applicant has paid a license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.). Every license issued hereunder shall expire on January 31 of the following year. Renewal applications must be submitted at the office of the City Forester.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of December, A.D. 2010, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of December, A.D. 2010.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of December, A.D. 2010.

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