



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

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DEPARTMENT: Community Development

AGENDA TITLE:
Discussion of Native Plant Preservation Requirements (25 Minutes)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In preparation of the upcoming Town Council Planning and Zoning Process Retreat, Town staff has been identifying items to discuss with Town Council related to our development processes. One such item identified, which was discussed on a recent platting application, is the application of the Town's regulation regarding Native Plant Preservation.

Arizona State Statute requires to the Town of Paradise Valley have a Native Plant Preservation Ordinance. As such, in 2006 the Town adopted Ordinance 577 introducing a new Town Code Section 5-8-4 Native Plant Preservation. This code section outlines the requirements for preservation of Native Plants when constructing a new home or completing a remodel or addition more than \$500,000. This section is applicable to single-family residential development during the construction process. The protected plants include certain trees and cacti and require an inventory be submitted with the permit application. Failure to comply with the requirements include penalties up to a Class 1 Misdemeanor and fine up to \$2,500.

Although this discussion is focused on the flat land single-family development requirements, it is worth noting that separate regulations are in place on Hillside lots which further Native Plant Preservation by minimizing disturbance on the lot and requiring areas that are disturbed to be restored. Furthermore, Native Plant Preservation requirements can be stipulated on Special Use Permit properties during the Planning Commission and Town Council consideration.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No budgetary impact anticipated.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A - Town Code Section 5-8-4
- B - PowerPoint Presentation