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## PRESS RELEASE

### TREE REMOVAL PERMITS REQUIRED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally-recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (September 6, 2019)** - In June 2019, House Bill (HB) 1159: Private Property Rights was signed by Governor Ron DeSantis and became effective July 1, 2019. Simply stated, HB 1159, prohibits local governments from requiring a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property if the tree presents a danger to persons or property, as documented by a certified arborist or licensed landscape architect. Upon passage of HB 1159, the City of Winter Park suspended enforcement of its tree preservation ordinance until this bill was fully reviewed.

After discussion at the August 26 City Commission meeting, the city will reinstitute enforcement of its tree preservation ordinance effective Monday, September 9. All protected tree species on private property will require a tree removal permit unless excluded as part of HB 1159 regulations.

For more information or to obtain a tree-related permit, please visit [cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry](http://cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry).

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