



## Valdosta City Council

216 East Central Ave  
Valdosta, GA 31601

### SCHEDULED

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Department: Engineering

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## **Presentation by Staff on recommendations for revisions to Land Development Regulations, Chapter 328 - Landscape, Buffers, and Screening of the Land Development Regulations for the City of Valdosta.**

**HISTORY:** The City of Valdosta has maintained a robust Landscaping and Tree Planting Ordinance for many decades - even prior to the Land Development Regulations (LDR). This Ordinance, among other requirements, allows us to achieve our Tree City USA designation every year. The City of Valdosta has been celebrated as a Tree City USA since 1987.

Members of the City Council have expressed interest in the Chapter being revised or modified to improve the City's resiliency during extreme weather events and to quantitatively ease the cost burden to commercial developers due to landscaping requirements.

**FACTS AND ISSUES:** Discussions have continued between City Staff, City Management, and City Council. This Agenda Item was presented to the Mayor and Council at the March 4, 2025 Work Session and no action was taken at the March 6, 2025 Regular Meeting of the City Council. This Agenda Item serves to inform Council regarding the status of those discussions and for Staff to propose a path forward and make a final vote towards the revised chapter.

**OPTIONS:** This Agenda Item is for information purposes only and no action will be taken at this time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:** This Agenda Item is for informational purposes only. Action will be taken at the April 24,