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To: Broward County Board of County Commissioners

Thru:   
 Cynthia Chambers, Director  
 Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

From: Armando Linares, Director  
 Permitting, Licensing and Consumer Protection Division 

Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapters 9 and 27 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, "Regulation of Tree Trimmers"

As part of the recent County reorganization, the Regulation of Tree Trimmers was transferred to the Contractor Licensing and Enforcement Section (CLE) of the Permitting, Licensing and Consumer Protection Division because of the consumer protection emphasis of the program. As Tree Trimmer license holders are in all respects "contractors" by definition, this transfer is consistent with the County's policies in administering and regulating contractor licensing and was an identified efficiency of the FY08 program reviews. The Tree Preservation and Abuse Program was retained by the Development and Environmental Regulation Division because of the environmental emphasis of that program.

On December 9, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners directed the County Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend Chapter 27, Article XV, "Regulation of Tree Trimmers," and Chapter 9, "Contractors," of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, to move the operative language of the Regulation of Tree Trimmers from Chapter 27 to Chapter 9. The County Attorney's Office worked with our Division to prepare a draft ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to reflect the current administration of the Regulation of Tree Trimmers Program.

In order to deal with potential violations of the tree trimmer contractor licensure requirements, enforcement provisions, similar to those found in Chapter 8½ of the Code, were also added to Chapter 9.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the changes, please let me know.