

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Public Works/Engineering

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This bill is to revise the Shade Tree Ordinance.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This bill will revise the Shade Tree Ordinance. A discrepancy was found between the Shade Tree Ordinance and a Zoning Ordinance for street trees. The Shade tree ordinance will be changed to place the spacing of new street trees at 40' to match the Zoning Ordinance.

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The benefits of revising this ordinance is to have Public Works handle all work in the public right of way. Parks is no longer involved with street trees.

This follows the City of Allentown’s vision to have all work related to Public Works in the Public Works Department.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

No financial impact.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

No funding required.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

No priority or deadlines.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The revision of the Shade Tree Ordinance will keep everything uniformed between Public Works and Zoning. It will also keep all street trees under the Public Works Department.