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**Tree Ordinance Policy Discussion Items**

1. Submitting Materials/ Applying for Permit

We have agreed on minimal requirements and barriers for allowed removals to ensure adherence to the program. *DECISION NEEDED:*

- A: Should the minimal permit be free? OR
- B: Should the minimal permit be of minimal cost?

2. Posting Notice/ and Feedback (2 weeks in advance)

We have agreed that there is need for more notification to the public when trees are removed, to allow for feedback and additional review. *HOW SHOULD THIS HAPPEN?*

- A: All tree removals (non-emergency) must be posted online and on-site two weeks in advance of removal? OR
- B: No need to post online, or no need to post on-site. OR
- C: Two weeks is the wrong time-frame.

3. Tree Categories

We have agreed that permits/ fees/ and replacements from tree removal should be graduated with respect for the value of the tree lost. And, we agree that we should use the same categories for each of these, therefore: *HOW DO WE CATEGORIZE TREES?*

- A: Use 4 categories combining dbh, height, and conifer metrics; and include a 5<sup>th</sup> category for Exceptional and Heritage trees. OR
- B: Use different metrics to determine the categories. OR
- C: We should recommend specific categories and size thresholds for trees.

