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MOTION REGARDING FINES TO BE LEVIED UPON TREE REMOVAL

Whereas trees reduce Carbon Dioxide in the environment, eliminate dust in the atmosphere, reduce traffic noise, retain water in the soil, provide shade which cools the planet, provide homes to the myriad birds and creatures essential to living and beautify our urban environment; and

Whereas these are particularly essential elements needed on our public right of ways; and

Whereas Venice has fewer trees than most other parts of Council District 11; and

Whereas trees on the public right of way are the property of the City, which are to be maintained by the adjacent property owner but which may not be removed without authorization from the City;

NOW THEREFORE The Venice Neighborhood Council asks that fines be imposed on adjacent property owners if, without proper authorization, they remove or fail to maintain trees on their adjacent public right of way.

Fines shall be in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per year of the tree's life.

Funds collected shall be used to replace trees with the same and maintenance for 3 years. If excess funds remain, they shall be used for the planting and maintenance of trees throughout Venice.