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Common Council Item Number: ID#22-3514	Date: 2/1/2022
Submitted By: Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Melissa Lipska, Parks & Forestry Operations Manager	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant BS	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Review and act on approving City Street Tree Assessment to be raised to \$250.00 per Chargeable tree.	

Details: The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has seen increases in the cost of trees purchased from our tree nursery vendors. The in-house labor cost to install the trees has also increased. For the last three years we have been assessing \$235 for each chargeable tree, which is no longer sustainable at current costs. An increase to \$250 would more accurately cover costs to purchase and plant a tree.

Options & Alternatives:
The current amount that has been used for the last three years could continue to be used and City funds would need to be added to the Assessment paid by property owners to cover the costs.

Financial Remarks:
All efforts have been made to buy quality nursery stock through competitive bidding practices, however, prices have increased to levels that warrant an increase to the Assessment for new trees.

Executive Action:
Recommend approval by Common Council of the Assessed amount for a new City Street Tree to be \$250 per chargeable tree.

Committee Recommendation:
Approval of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board, with recommendation for approval to the Common Council.

