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Chair and Members of the
Civic Works Committee

Re: Notification Process – Tree Planting on City-owned Property

There are circumstances where residents have undertaken improvements to the front yard of properties to enhance the look of the properties. These enhancements may include portions of land that are in public ownership. It is acknowledged the land in public ownership is maintained by the resident. To be respectful of the work that has been undertaken, a practice should be established whereby the City notifies the resident of the intent to plant a tree on the portion of land owned by the City. The resident should be given sufficient notice to make any necessary arrangement to alter or remove any improvements that have been undertaken, that may interfere with the planting of the tree.

I am therefore respectfully requesting support of the following motion:

“That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to implement a notification process to residents of the City of London’s intent to plant a tree on the public boulevard in front of their property that provides sufficient notice to permit the resident to make any necessary arrangements to alter or remove any improvements that have been undertaken on the publicly owned land, that may interfere with the planting of a tree.”

Respectfully submitted,

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