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PUBLIC HEARING: Consider approving an ordinance to amend the City of Keller Unified Development Code, adopted by Ordinance No. 1746 dated July 7, 2015, by amending Article 4 – Development Procedures and Requirements for Application Submittals; Article 5 - Subdivision Design and Improvement Requirements; and Article 8 – Zoning-Districts, Development Standards, Tree Preservation to amend utility easement requirements related to trees in rights-of-way; authorizing publication; provide for penalties; and establishing an effective date. City of Keller, applicant. (UDC-19-0012)

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- The UDC has inconsistent language regarding tree planting in rights-of-way and easements, and conflicting requirements as to how utility companies maintain their easements.
- The proposed amendments would:
 - Remove conflicting language so that all easements are subject to UDC requirements **including landscaping**
 - Clarify planting and preservation requirements for trees along utility easements
 - Maintain “no planting area” within 5 feet of the actual utility line

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- On Aug. 12, 2019, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to approve Articles 4 and 5 by a vote of 6-0.
- Due to an oversight, Staff did not publish Article 8 in the notifications prior to the August 12, 2019, Planning and Zoning Meeting. Consequently, Staff noticed for the proposed changes to Article 8 and on Sept. 9, 2019, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to approve the changes to Article 8 by a vote of 7-0.

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Public Notice:

- On September 1, 2019, the City published in Fort Worth Star Telegram. As of today, Staff has not received any letters in support or opposition.

The City Council has the following options when considering an amendment to the text of the UDC:

- Approve as submitted
- Approve with modifications or additional amendments(s)
- Table the agenda item to a specific date with clarification of intent and purpose
- Deny



Questions?
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