

Keeping the GREEN in GREENville



November 13, 2007

CRITICAL COUNCIL VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20— COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Opponents to the tree ordinance were out in full force at the County Council meeting last Tuesday, making their absurd claims that the ordinance is a part of a socialist conspiracy to take over private property. The ordinance, of course, applies only to major development projects in the County; it has no application whatsoever to what a landowner does with the trees on his or her own property.

But the opposition's tactics almost worked. If the Council had actually voted on the ordinance, it would have been defeated—that night there were not seven votes (the minimum needed) to approve it. Fortunately, by a vote of 6 to 5, the Council deferred the ordinance to its next meeting on **Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.** It will again be considered for second reading and if approved, move forward for third and final reading. But if it is not approved, it is all over—the ordinance will be dead.

Two undecided members of the Council recently told us that most of the letters and calls they are receiving are from opponents to the ordinance. We had a great group of supporters at the Council meeting last week, but **WE MUST DO MORE!!** We need calls, letters and phone calls to the Council members (especially Lottie Gibson, Tony Trout, Sid Cates, Fred Payne, and Joe Dill) in support of the ordinance. We need to show the Council that the opponents are a vocal minority and that the majority of the citizens in Greenville County care about their tree cover and want a strong and effective ordinance.

We also need an even bigger crowd at the Council meeting on November 20. At the meeting last week, the Council asked for a show of hands from supporters and opponents. So numbers do matter! Let's fill the Council chambers with supporters!*

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GREENVILLE COUNTY
COUNCIL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers
Greenville County Square
301 University Ridge

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*While signs are prohibited in Council chambers, and the public will not be allowed to address Council on this issue, we will have "Keep the Green in Greenville" stickers for you to wear on your clothes as a visible expression of support.