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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #08-0049 City Trees-Protective Measures

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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

DATE:
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Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0049 would extend certain laws for the protection of trees along public rights-of-ways to apply also to trees in parks, squares, and other public places and would authorize the City Arborist to adjudicate complaints of unauthorized or improper treatment of public trees and to impose civil penalties and remedies for violations.

The Finance Department does not oppose passage of this bill. However, we note that the City Arborist in the Department of Recreation and Parks reports that the implementation of this bill would require the creation of a new Parks Inspector position at a total cost of approximately \$50,000. The additional revenue which might be raised by the imposition of civil penalties would more than likely not be sufficient to cover this additional cost.

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*Does not oppose
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