



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Honorable Councilmember Marilyn Ruano

Subject: Canopy Protection Workshop

Date: October 8, 2019

Recommendation:

*This item requires waiver of Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order

The Town of Miami Lakes has been tackling several issues with respect to decimation of the tree canopy within the Town. We've had trees removed by utility companies, residents and even the Town itself for projects that require tree removal.

The council has made it clear that it is our priority to protect the tree canopy at all costs. I would like to discuss with my colleagues the possibility of directing the manager and staff to put together a workshop to educate us on the intricacies of tree removal permitting, fines, new FL law, etc. At this workshop I would also like to discuss the implementation of more stringent fines on both property owners and vendors alike to dissuade them from continuing the unacceptable trend of cutting down trees in Miami Lakes.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal
Guiding Principles: 2,3,4,14
Objectives: 2,4,5