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Title: Repealing Section 4.095(9) of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the sunset provision for the Urban Forestry Special Charge.

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The proposed ordinance change eliminates the sunset provision of the Urban Forestry Special Charge. This charge, which was put in place in 2015, allows the City to recoup costs associated with managing and maintaining the City’s urban forest. When created, the original ordinance included a sunset provision indicating the charge would end in December 2018. The 2018 Adopted Operating Budget includes \$4.3 million in revenue from the special charge. This revenue supports costs within the Parks Division-Park Maintenance & Forestry (\$3.5m) and the Streets Division-Roadside Cleanup (\$766k).

Repealing Section 4.095(9) of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the sunset provision for the Urban Forestry Special Charge.

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance would repeal the sunset clause that was inserted into the ordinance that established the Urban Forestry Special Charge. Without this amendment, the City would no longer be able to recover the special charge for urban forestry services performed by the City after December 31, 2018.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Subsection (9) entitled “Sunset” of Section 4.095 entitled “Urban Forestry Special Charge” of the Madison General Ordinances is hereby repealed.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sec. 4.095(9) currently reads as follows:

“(9) Sunset. No urban forestry charge shall be imposed under this section for services performed by the City after December 31, 2018.”