



Legislation Text

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**Fiscal Note**

The Parks Division does not anticipate significant revenues or expenditures in 2015 related to this process.

**Title**

Creating Section 8.055 of the Madison General Ordinances to create a process for the Parks Division to take possession of and dispose of saleable logs.

**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance will allow the Parks Division to take possession and stockpile logs removed from right-of-ways, City parks, greenways, or other City properties and dispose of them in a manner that is consistent with the City's interests. This may include selling logs at market rates for lumber, or even selling them to local craftsmen at a discount to support the local reuse of these former City assets. It is expected that the City will have more high value logs coming into its possession with the removal of ash trees due to the presence of the emerald ash borer. Without this ordinance, logs having any value would become the responsibility of the Purchasing Agent, who is not in a good position to stockpile and assess the worth of the logs. Furthermore, without this ordinance, all sales of logs, or lots of logs, worth more than \$200 would have to be by a public auction, which may not lead to results fully consistent with the City's interests.

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

Section 8.055 entitled "Saleable Logs" of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

**"8.055 SALEABLE LOGS.**

Upon a determination that a former City tree could have marketable value if sold for lumber, City divisions may inform the Parks Superintendent, who may take possession of any such City-owned logs. Any such saleable logs may be stockpiled and sold or disposed of by the Parks Superintendent in a manner consistent with the City's interests, which may include consideration of non-monetary interests such as the reuse of local materials. If any logs are sold or disposed of under this Section, the Parks Superintendent shall report annually to the Council about the program and the manner of disposition.