

I think it's a good idea to make homeowners' lives a bit easier (not to mention less expensive!), but I want to make sure the final legislation includes amendments that preserve neighborhood input and maintain a clear appeals process.

Right now, homeowners pursuing small projects are often responsible for planting and maintaining street trees, and compliance can be frustrating and inconsistent. That can lead to unhealthy trees and delays for projects that should otherwise be straightforward.

In the long run, it also makes more sense for the City to plan and manage street tree planting strategically rather than placing that burden on individual property owners.

As the proposal moves through the legislative process, I'll be working with my colleagues to make sure we get the balance right.