

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
2026 Legislative Summary
CLIMBING SAFETY TRAINING & MENTORSHIP SERVICES

ORDINANCE NO: 692-2026

LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE:

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter one or more contracts for Climbing Safety Training & Mentorship Services necessary to provide workforce development to Division of Urban Forestry Employees to expand maintenance capabilities. These services include, but are not limited to, providing hands-on instruction, reinforcing safety protocols, supervising climbing activities, and introducing foundational aerial rescue concepts. The contracts will be for a period of one year, with two one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

PURPOSE:

Passage of this legislation will enable the Department of Parks and Recreation to expand maintenance capabilities to include climbing for the purpose of caring for urban trees.

FUNDING SOURCE:

The cost of the contract(s) authorized shall be paid from C24907, C25219, any other authorized tree capital money, or any additional funding sources deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance

ESTIMATED AMOUNT: ~ \$500,000.00