

1. Regular City Council Meeting New Business Items Only

2. TR-2022-17

- A Resolution expressing concern over recent skyrocketing prices of prescription medication and urging our United States Senators and Representatives along with our State Legislators and our Governor to act immediately to reduce the cost of prescription medications (Sponsored by Councilor Bitzas)

Documents:

[TR-2022-17.PDF](#)

3. TOR-2022-5

- An Ordinance regarding tree stump removal (Sponsored by Councilor Bitzas)  
(Two Readings Required)

Documents:

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**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RECENT SKYROCKETING PRICES OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND URGING OUR UNITED STATES SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ALONG WITH OUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND OUR GOVERNOR TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO REDUCE THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

(Sponsored by Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas)

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**WHEREAS**, there have been dramatic price increases in prescription drug medications in the last eight months; and

**WHEREAS**, in some cases, the cost of prescription drug medications has increased by up to fifty percent from the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, the elderly and fixed income families cannot afford to pay these increases along with the dramatic increases in food and fuel costs over the last year; and

**WHEREAS**, drug manufacturers are continuing to increase prescription drug prices and it is out of control; and

**WHEREAS**, residents are frustrated, worried and angry about these increases with many having to choose between buying food or prescription medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government should stand up to pharmaceutical companies and force them by legislation and/or negotiation to stop the increases and reduce their prices; and

**WHEREAS**, other countries pay a lot less than United States citizens pay for the same medications which are, in many cases, manufactured by American companies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL** hereby resolves to express its displeasure and frustration over these higher costs of prescription medications and hereby resolves to ask United States Representative Richard Neal, United States Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey to stand up to the pharmaceutical companies and draft legislation to reduce prescription medicine prices; and the Agawam City Council further resolves to ask Governor Charles Baker, State Senator John Velis and State Representative Nicholas Boldyga to do whatever they can to support this Resolution and bring down the skyrocketing cost of prescription medications.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

**PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL**

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Christopher C. Johnson, City Council President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**

  
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Stephen Buoniconti, City Solicitor

**TOR-2022-5**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TREE STUMP REMOVAL**

**(Sponsored by City Councilor George Bitzas)**

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**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is doing a great job in cutting and removing existing trees from tree belts throughout the town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of the Town of Agawam does not specify that the Town of Agawam grind stumps that remain after the removal of trees on town-owned tree belts or town property; and

**WHEREAS**, leaving the tree stumps on the tree belts in front of residential homes and throughout the town causes danger to our residents and children; and

**WHEREAS**, leaving the tree stumps on the tree belts creates an eyesore; and

**WHEREAS**, residents are prohibited from grinding a tree stump located on town property and the town alone has the authority to remove a tree stump on town property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Agawam should provide this service to keep the Town of Agawam beautiful.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Agawam City Council hereby amends Chapter 155 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the Code of the Town of Agawam by inserting the following:

Article V

§155-30 Public shade tree stump removal

The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for the grinding of or removal of a stump of a public shade tree that is cut down or removed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 87 Sections 1 through 4, inclusive. Subsequent to the grinding of the stump of a public shade tree, the debris shall be removed and replaced with loam graded to existing ground level surrounding the stump and grass spread over the disturbed area.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL**

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Christopher C. Johnson, President

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Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor