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driven by the appropriate driver.

Commissioner Pollock asked if this technique was in use in other towns. Chief McCammon indicated he had not heard of the bill, nor had the Police Chiefs' Association. Commissioner Stewart asked if the bill would apply to Longboat Key. Chief McCammon stated it would only apply to those residents interested in participating in the program. However, he said, he felt there was no need for the program on Longboat Key.

There was consensus for no action to be taken at this time.

5. Proposed Amendment to Tree Ordinance, Replacement of Trees.

Commissioner Stewart said he had requested this amendment, because the current ordinance stated staff had discretion to decide on trees for replacement. He referred to a 12-19-88 memo from Department of Public Works Director Smally concerning permits for tree removal and replacement. He said staff should use the same criteria as used previously by the Code Enforcement Board.

Mayor Wurzburg stated photographs should be required both before and after tree removal. Mr. Christiansen said there was no need to place the requirement in the ordinance, but staff could be so directed. Commissioner Stewart said if it were placed in the ordinance it would stay. Vice-Mayor Dreyfus said it was unclear as to when a permit was necessary to remove trees. Commissioner Fernald said she thought owners of single-family lots could remove trees. Mr. Cox said if the C.O. had been issued, only mangroves or oaks required a permit for removal. Mr. Christiansen said if the lot had to be improved, a permit must be obtained for any removals until the house was built and the C.O. was issued. He said there should be some flexibility if there was a heavily wooded lot where it may be impossible to meet the ratio. If staff deviated from the 2:1 ratio a statement must be placed in the file to show why the ratio was not reasonably possible to meet. Language was to be added to require photos before and after removal. He said this should not apply to exotic species.

Associate Planner Schield said the fee for two inspections was raised to \$25. He said he did make photos before and after permits were issued.

Mangrove Report Update.

Mr. Schield reported he had contacted the DER for an update on the cases referred for mangrove cutting violations. He said Mercily Toledo, Environmental Specialist, said in the past 3 weeks around 20 cases had been referred to them following newspaper coverage. He said Ms. Toledo stated she was sending letters out on the cases referred to her, and conducting inspections on original cases: Harbour Court, Corey's Landings, Lyons Lane and the golf course. She said some difficulties were caused by conflicting statements of the developer and the owners. Mr. Schield said there was evidence of violations, but he did not know what action the State would take. He stated permits were only issued during the winter season and copies of all regulations were given with the permits.

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