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# The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Local Government Officials

**From:** Jose R. Oliva, Speaker
Florida House of Representatives

**Date:** January 07, 2020

**Re:** Private Property Rights, Chapter 2019-155, Laws of Florida

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Please take note of legislation passed in the 2019 session and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis. CS/HB 1159 prohibits a local government from requiring a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property when an arborist or landscape architect documents that the tree presents a danger to persons or property.

Continued enforcement of local regulations in conflict with this provision will constitute illegal requirements under this new law. I strongly encourage you to review your local ordinances that may restrict property owners' ability to remove or prune trees. Staff of the House of Representatives are available to discuss any questions you may have about the bill.

Please expect the House to be diligent in executing its oversight responsibilities in order to protect the rights of property owners and prevent any illegal governmental actions that interfere with these rights.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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