TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: March 10, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Modification to Section 66-311 – Prohibited Plants, to Prohibit the Planting of Ficus Nitida

Ordinance No. 07-2020

Date: March 2, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Town Council approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-2020, modifying Chapter 66, Section 66-311 – Prohibited plants, to prohibit the new planting of ficus nitida.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It was the consensus of the ORS Committee that modifications to Chapter 66, Section 66-311 – Prohibited plants, be made to prohibit the new planting of ficus nitida due to its susceptibility to white fly. After reviewing the proposed code modifications with Town Council at the February 11, 2020, meeting, staff was directed to work with the Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance to codify the addition of ficus nitida to the list of prohibited plants. See the attached Ordinance for details on the modifications.

TOWN ATTORNEY APPROVAL

Ordinance No. 07-2020 was prepared and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

Attachment

cc: John C. Randolph, Town Attorney

Department Directors