

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Permission to use artificial tree in Historic Courthouse Courtyard  
**PRESENTER:** Carleen Dixon, Parks & Recreation  
**ATTACHMENTS:**  
1) Photos of example trees

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The City of Hendersonville has been investigating the purchase of an artificial Christmas tree for next year's street lighting event as the process to string lights on the two large spruce trees has become extremely challenging.

The City would like to purchase the artificial tree (same as pictured in attachment 1) before the end of February as the trees are on sale at this time saving approximately 40%. The suggested set up would be 35' tall and 17' in diameter at the base when it is set up. Noting this is obviously not as big as the spruce trees, but the City suggests that this style of tree would have a good impact in the center of the Historic Courthouse Square.

The tree could be placed directly over the County Seal in front of the Courthouse or directly in front of the center set of stairs for the duration of the holiday season. We would be running power to the tree and the City would utilize a cord cover to mark and cover the cord to reduce the trip hazard risk. The City would remove the tree prior to the New Year's Eve event to make room for the festivities.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve the use of an artificial Christmas tree in the square at the Historic Courthouse for the holiday season.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners approve the use of an artificial Christmas tree as presented in Attachment 1 in the square at the Historic Courthouse for the holiday season.*

Attachment 1:



