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SENATOR FRIEND: Well, I think ultimately city council, but, yes. I mean, those are established. My understanding, the Haymarket business community would...

SENATOR RAIKES: So is the gist of this to add trees? I mean, I assume there are these sorts of things for other purposes. I can't think of one right off the top, but maybe lights, special lighting or something like that. So we're going to now allow these sorts of districts to deal with trees? Is that the main issue here?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, the main issue, I don't know, but my answer to that would be there are a lot of...there's been a lot of discussion out here about how something like this could be or could potentially be used. What I would say, this specifically would be for that. So the answer would be, yes, because it discusses that practically in the language. So, because it's that narrow, I felt it to be a little less...and I think the committee did, a little less precarious than something that could be used in a more harmful way, I would say.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. I think I understand your direction there. But we're not going to plant a tree in somebody's yard, right, next to their house?

SENATOR FRIEND: No.

SENATOR RAIKES: That's not...

SENATOR FRIEND: No, the answer is no.

SENATOR RAIKES: So we're talking about planting trees in areas that heretofore have been the city's responsibility.

SENATOR FRIEND: Correct. It's my understanding that, let me...let me use a hypothetical, and I'm not saying that that's the problem down there. You talk about the Haymarket and talk about some of the enhancements and the aesthetic enhancements that have been going on down there over the years. One could be...one or two or ten business owners can be concerned about right of ways that could maybe seek some of that beautification.