

# Corporate Policy

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## Related Policies

Number	Title
12-6300-2019-01	Tree Management on City Property
13-6870-2019-01	Naturescape Principles
13-6870-2019-02	Bird Nest Protection

## Approvals

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### Street Trees

## Policy

The establishment, maintenance, preservation, and replacement of street trees is a matter of primary concern to the economic, environmental, and aesthetic qualities of the City; therefore, the provisions contained in this policy shall apply.

## Procedures

### General

Guidelines throughout the City relating to street trees shall be uniform for the purpose of preserving the maximum number of City street trees and encouraging the supplementation of their number by all of the community.

### New Subdivisions

The following requirements shall apply in new subdivisions:

- a) *Responsibility* – the Developer shall bear the cost of tree planting for trees specified by the City, and shall guarantee the health of the tree for one year after acceptance of the subdivision. The guarantee shall be by proof of private maintenance agreement or by bonding for replacement of any trees required to be replaced by the City; and
- b) *Specifications* – Tree type shall be established by the General Manager of Environment and Parks. Unless otherwise specified during the processing of the tentative map, trees shall be 6ft to 7ft standards with a minimum of 5cm caliper. They shall be approved by the General Manager of Environment and Parks for size, quality, staking, and location prior to the acceptance of the subdivision.

### Uplifted Sidewalks

Where tree roots have caused uplifting of sidewalks, and temporary sidewalk patching can no longer prevent hazardous conditions, corrective root pruning or removal of the tree may be undertaken. Where a tree is removed, a suitable replacement tree shall be planted. In these circumstances, all costs shall be borne by the City.

### Street Widening

When it has been determined that a proposed street widening project will be constructed, the resident or property owners shall be notified immediately concerning the loss of street trees adjacent to their property. One of two methods will be used for replacing the affected street tree:

- a) City personnel may plant a tree of City selected species in the street tree easement as soon as practicable after receiving the easement dedication; and
- b) Upon approval of the General Manager of Environment and Parks, consideration will be given to relocating existing street trees onto private property provided that the property owner grants to the City a street tree easement.

### Sewer Laterals

If a City street tree causes stoppage of a sewer lateral, the City will repair or replace the lateral at the City's expense.

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#### Diseased or Dying Trees

The City will remove and, where applicable, replace diseased trees only when all remedial treatments will not save the tree.

#### Special Request for Removal

A property owner may request the removal of a City street tree when:

1. one of the reasons cited above applies;
2. it is determined, after consultation with the General Manager of Environment and Parks, that the tree will not aesthetically impair the character of the area;
3. there is a valid reason for removal of the tree(s), e.g. blocking proposed driveway; or
4. the tree is the wrong species for its location.

#### **Monitoring/Authority**

Delegated to the General Manager of Environment and Parks.