

Street Tree Replanting Policy

Three or Fewer Street Trees

An approved street tree permit removal permit for three or fewer street trees shall include the following conditions of approval to mitigate for the impact on the City's urban forest:

- For each street tree removal, applicant shall plant, at a minimum, a 15-gallon replacement tree and pay \$100 to the Urban Forestry Fund. This fund is used to preserve, protect, monitor, and enhance the City's urban forest.
- If, in the determination of the Public Works Director, an appropriate location for planting the replacement tree cannot be located in the public right-of-way adjacent to the property of the applicant, the Director may allow, at his/her sole discretion, one or a combination of the following methods in-lieu:
 - a. Planting of the replacement tree(s) on a portion of the applicant's property which is visible from the adjacent public right-of-way; or
 - b. Payment to the City's Urban Forestry Fund in the amount of: \$200 in-lieu of each replacement tree
- A request to remove four or more street trees shall be referred to the Community Development Director (Director) for processing and determination.

Street Tree replacement recommendations will be provided by the City Arborist, by selecting the most appropriate street tree species based on site conditions using the City's Tree Planting Guide Standard Detail L-18L. Each street tree shall be planted to meet the City's Street Tree Planting Standard Detail L-3A-E.

Compliance with the Street Tree Replanting Policy is required within 120 days of the street tree removal. This includes street tree replanting and payment to the Urban Forestry Fund.

Four or More Street Trees

The number and type of replacement trees or the amount of funds paid in mitigation shall be provided corresponding to the value of the loss or diminution of economic, aesthetic, environmental, and property values, and in relation to the size, age relative to average lifespan, and location of existing trees to be removed, as determined by the Director. Depending on the size and number of trees to be removed, the City may require the preparation of a report by a certified arborist at the expense of the applicant and in compliance with Municipal Code Chapter 12.20 Article III to the satisfaction of the Director. In no case shall replacement value be less than three trees of a minimum 15-gallon size, or two trees of a minimum 24-inch box size, or one tree of 48-inch box size for each tree removed.