

CHAPTER 150

TREES

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150.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to beautify and preserve the appearance of the City.

150.02 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following definitions are given.

1. “Park trees” are trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation in public parks and other areas owned by the City to which the public has free access as a park.
2. “Street trees” are trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation on land owned by the City and lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or ways within the City.

150.03 PLANTING RESTRICTIONS. No tree shall be planted in any street, avenue or highway between the outer line of the sidewalk and the curb where the curb line is established, or where the curb line is not established, on a line nine feet from the property line.

150.04 REMOVAL OF TREES PROHIBITED. Any tree currently existing on publicly owned right-of-way shall not be removed by an adjoining property owner or anyone else without first obtaining permission of the Council.

150.05 PUBLIC TREE CARE. The City has the right to prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares, and public grounds, as may be necessary to insure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The City may remove or cause or order to be removed any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest.

150.06 REMOVAL OF DEAD OR DISEASED TREES. The City has the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the City when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or diseases which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the City. The Council will notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within 60 days after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the City shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.

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