



Removal of Trees on City Property and Rights-of-Way by City Staff

When City staff have determined that a tree on City property or right-of-way is to be removed the following procedures apply:

- 1) If the tree is an immediate threat or hazard, and staff determines it is a life safety concern, City staff should remove the tree as quickly and safely as practicable. No further action will be required.
- 2) If City staff believes a tree should be removed due its health, condition, location, or potential danger, City staff shall assess the tree, and document the conditions necessitating removal, by completing an appropriate ISA ~~Level III~~ Tree Risk Assessment as determined by the relevant ANSI A300 Tree Risk Assessment Standards and providing a brief narrative.
- 3) Trees slated for removal meeting the following criteria that have been permitted and posted will be documented in a report which will be provided periodically to the City Commission indicating which trees on City property or right-of way are slated for removal in the following two months and providing the Tree Risk Assessment completed by City staff. The report should be sent via email to the City Commissioners at least 14 days prior to a City Commission meeting to allow the Commission time to review the reports and proceed as indicated in section 4 of this policy.

Criteria for trees to be included in report to the City Commission:

- a. Tree with a minimum of 50% healthy canopy; and
 - b. The tree's Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) is:
 - i. Ficus species: 16" or larger
 - ii. Oak: 16" or larger
 - iii. Mahogany: 16" or larger
 - iv. Black Olive: 16" or larger
 - v. Royal Poinciana: 16" or larger
 - vi. ~~Verawood~~Bulnesia: 16" or larger
 - vii. Other tree species: 12" or larger
- 4) After receiving the report, an individual Commissioner may request that the removal of a certain tree or trees be placed on the following City Commission agenda for further Commission direction, including potentially directing City staff to engage an independent arborist to evaluate specific trees slated for removal.

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- 5) If at any time during this process City staff determines that a tree marked for removal or a tree being evaluated by an independent arborist, has become a life safety concern, City staff, with the approval of the City Manager or his/her designee, will remove the tree without further review.
- 6) This procedure provides no basis for an appeal for any alleged affected individuals, and all procedures and appeal rights provided for in Section 82-35(a) of the City Code remain unchanged.