



TREE REMOVAL

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

TREE INSPECTIONS

- TREE INSPECTIONS ARE HANDLED THROUGH THE FORESTRY DIVISION.
- FORESTRY SUPERVISOR IS AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST.
- FORESTRY SUPERVISOR HAS A TREE RISK ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION (TRAQ) CERTIFICATE.
- TREE INSPECTIONS ARE EITHER INITIATED BY RESIDENT REQUEST OR BY STAFF REQUEST.

ANSI 300 STANDARDS

- FORESTRY DIVISION FOLLOWS ANSI 300 TREE RISK ASSESSMENT STANDARDS.
- THREE LEVELS OF RISK ASSESSMENT:
 - 1) LEVEL 1 – LIMITED VISUAL ASSESSMENT (DRIVE-BY).
 - 2) LEVEL 2 – 360-DEGREE VISUAL ASSESSMENT – CROWN, TRUNK, TRUNK FLARE, ABOVE-GROUND ROOTS, AND SITE CONDITIONS.
 - 3) LEVEL 3 – AERIAL ASSESSMENTS, DECAY DETECTION, ROOT CROWN EXAMINATION (DRILLING OR TOMOGRAPHY)

RISK CATEGORY LEVELS

1. LIKELIHOOD OF FAILURE ARE IMMINENT.
2. PROBABLE.
3. POSSIBLE.
4. IMPROBABLE.

RESIDENT NOTIFICATION

- Once an assessment has been completed, the Forestry Supervisor will notify the resident if there is an issue or not, and if so, will let them know what actions will be taken or not.
- Once this has been completed, the Forestry Supervisor will schedule the work needed or required based on the findings of the Assessment and the Risk Categories.

APPEAL PROCESS

- Resident has a right to appeal to the Urban Forestry Commission.
- Appeal shall be filed in writing with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry and the City Manager for placement on the Urban Forestry Commission's agenda within ten (10) days after the notification.
- An appeal shall be based on a claim that the that the regulations or rules adopted have been incorrectly interpreted or applied and shall specify the reasons.
- The Commission may reverse, affirm or modify the order, decision or determination of the City Forester. The Commission shall render its decision by majority vote after an appeal hearing.

STREET TREES ARE ESSENTIAL

- CARBON SEQUESTRATION
- STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
- ABSORPTION OF AIR POLLUTION
- ENERGY SAVINGS
- STREET PAVEMENT LIFE
- MENTAL HEALTH
- CRIME AND SAFETY
- PROPERTY VALUE
- ECONOMIC IMPACT

QUESTIONS









