

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the September 13, 2021 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

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**NOTICE OF STUDY SESSION – Storm Response (Forestry Department)**  
**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE - ZOOM**  
**September 13, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

Requested by the City Manager

1. Meeting called to order
2. Changes to Regular Agenda
3. Storm Response (Forestry Department)
4. Adjournment

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LaRette Reese  
City Clerk



# STORM RESPONSE

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

## PURPOSE

To clarify the roles of municipal personnel and establish uniform operating procedures and policies in response to tree damage during storm events.



## SEVERE STORM

Severe Storms are defined as a thunderstorm that produces one (1) inch hail or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed fifty-eight (58) miles an hour; or tree damage and/or downed trees associated with freezing rain, sleet, or snow.



## DEFINITIONS

Severe Storms are classified into three groups: Minor Storms, Major Storms, and Catastrophic Storms:

Minor Storms are those events which all road blockages, fallen trees, large limbs and large overhead hazards can be remedied within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the storm event; Inventory Damage Assessments extend to forty-eight (48) to seventy-two (72) hours after the end of the storm event; and clean-up and follow-up activities should be completed by the City within two (2) weeks after the end of the storm event.

## DEFINITIONS CONT.

Major Storms are those events which all road blockages, fallen trees, large limbs and large overhead hazards cannot be remedied within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the storm event; Require the use of resources beyond those normally assigned to the Parks, Forestry and Street Divisions such as additional resources such as leased or rented equipment or require the use of outside contractors; and clean-up and follow-up activities are anticipated to take two (2) to four (4) weeks after the end of the storm event.

## DEFINITIONS CONT.

Catastrophic Storms are those events which all road blockages, fallen trees, large limbs and large overhead hazards cannot be remedied within days to weeks after the end of the storm event; Require the use of resources beyond those normally assigned to the Parks, Forestry and Street Divisions as additional resources such as leased or rented equipment or require the use of outside contractors; and clean-up and follow-up activities are anticipated to take longer than four (4) weeks after the end of the storm event.



## DEFINITIONS CONT.

Public Rights-of-Ways are those areas that are publicly owned by the City (i.e., streets, sidewalks, tree lawns, etc.).

Private or Common Property are those areas that are privately owned (i.e., homes, yards, driveways, private subdivision streets, sidewalks, tree lawns, etc. or private business properties).

Public Trees are those trees located within the Public Rights-of-Ways.

Private Trees are those trees located on Private or Common Property.



# ARTERIAL ROADWAYS

Emergency or hazard conditions (Downed power lines, blocked roads on major or primary arterial thoroughfares, Police Station, Fire Stations, hazard trees and limbs, etc.) on Public and Private roadways shall be assessed and cleared (pushed to the side of the roadway) for emergency vehicle passage. St. Louis County and MoDOT are to be contacted if there is debris or hazards on County and/or State roads and rights-of-ways.

# NON-ARTERIAL ROADWAYS

Emergency or hazard conditions (Downed power lines, blocked roads blocked roads on minor or secondary non-arterial thoroughfares (residential streets) on Public and Private roadways shall be assessed and cleared (pushed to the side of the roadway) for emergency vehicle passage. St. Louis County is to be contacted if there is debris or hazards on County roads and rights-of-ways.

# HAZARD ASSESSMENT

An assessment of potentially hazardous trees and limbs shall be conducted by the Forestry Supervisor and shall be handled in a manner to reduce any potential hazard.



# CLEANUP PROCEDURES

- Driveway entrances on Public roadways shall be assessed and cleared (pushed to the side of the roadway).
- Debris (trees, limbs, branches, etc.) from public trees that are placed within the Public rights-of-way shall be removed by the City.
- Trees on private or common property are the responsibility of the private or common property owner.

## CLEANUP PROCEDURES CONT.

- Downed trees (public or private) on private or common property (homes, driveways, yards, etc.) will be the responsibility of the private or common property owner. They may elect to contact their homeowner's insurance carrier for a claim, as the City will not remove downed trees or limbs on private property. If desired, a claim can be filled with the City Manager's Office for public street tree damage to private or common property (if damage is from a City owned tree, a Police report is recommended).

## CLEANUP PROCEDURES CONTD.

- Any tree, limb, or portion of a private tree is the responsibility of the private or common property owner and may not be placed in the street or the public rights-of-way.
- Public and Private tree branches no greater than three (3) inches in diameter and four (4) feet long may be picked up during refuse collection. The maximum bundle allowed is two (2) feet around. The maximum numbers of bundles per pickup date is six (6) bundles.



## CLEANUP PROCEDURES CONTD.

In the event of a Major or Catastrophic Storm, the City Manager may elect to provide additional services to private or common property owners. If additional services are to be provided, the information will be posted on the City's website and on other social media outlets.

# QUESTIONS

