



I. GENERAL

Trees which are 50 percent or more within the public right-of-way shall be considered City trees. This measurement shall be taken at the trunk at the ground surface.

The City of Lodi is responsible for caring for all City trees within the public right-of-way including trimming, spraying, general maintenance, and performing root surgery where property owner is replacing sidewalk and existing sidewalk is removed by property owner.

Property owners are responsible for any required watering of newly planted trees in parkways.

The City is not responsible for maintenance of non-City trees.

Property owners and City personnel are not allowed to remove or alter any City trees unless one of the criteria listed below is met or special approval is received from the City Council.

II. TREE REMOVAL

A. City Responsibility – The City will remove a City tree at its expense when:

1. Tree is dead;
2. Tree is diseased beyond cure;
3. Tree is hazardous to the public or necessary root surgery would render it hazardous;
4. Tree conflicts with sidewalk to be installed by property owners on parcels where curb and gutter is in place;
5. Tree removal is necessary for a City improvement project; or
6. Tree causes repeated extensive damage to utilities or curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

B. Property Owner Responsibility – With the issuance of encroachment permit by the Public Works Department, a tree within the public right-of-way may be removed under the following conditions at the property owner's expense:

1. Tree bearing fruit causing a nuisance to the property owner may be removed. Trees in parkways will be replaced at City's expense as part of its tree planting program.
2. Trees may be removed to widen existing driveway or to construct a new



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driveway. Trees in parkways will be replaced at City's expense as part of its tree planting program.

3. Tree may be removed when less than 50% of the tree is within public right-of-way.
4. Trees may be removed as part of an approved development where curbs and gutters do not exist.

C. Tree Removal Notifications – Prior to trees being removed as part of a Public Works Project:

1. The City Engineer clearly notes all trees and the reason for removal on the Council Communication approving plans and specifications;
2. Prior to removing, trees that are known to have been donated by a service club or individual, staff must notify the service club or individual donor(s) of the impending removal prior to approving plans and specifications, if possible;
3. Emergency tree removal for safety reasons are exempt from the notification requirement.

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