

Proposed Housekeeping Amendments Title 11 Trees, and Title 33, Planning and Zoning



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Overview

- Tree Project Implementation Update
- Amendments
 - Purpose
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 - Examples
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- Feedback
- Recommendation



Implementation Update

Current Activities

- Budget
- Housekeeping Amendments
- TRACS
- Online Pruning Permits
- Tree Website

Delay Implementation

February 2013 – July 2013



Implementation Update

What's next

- New City Forester
- Public Outreach Strategy
- Testing and refining implementation process
- Working with Stakeholders



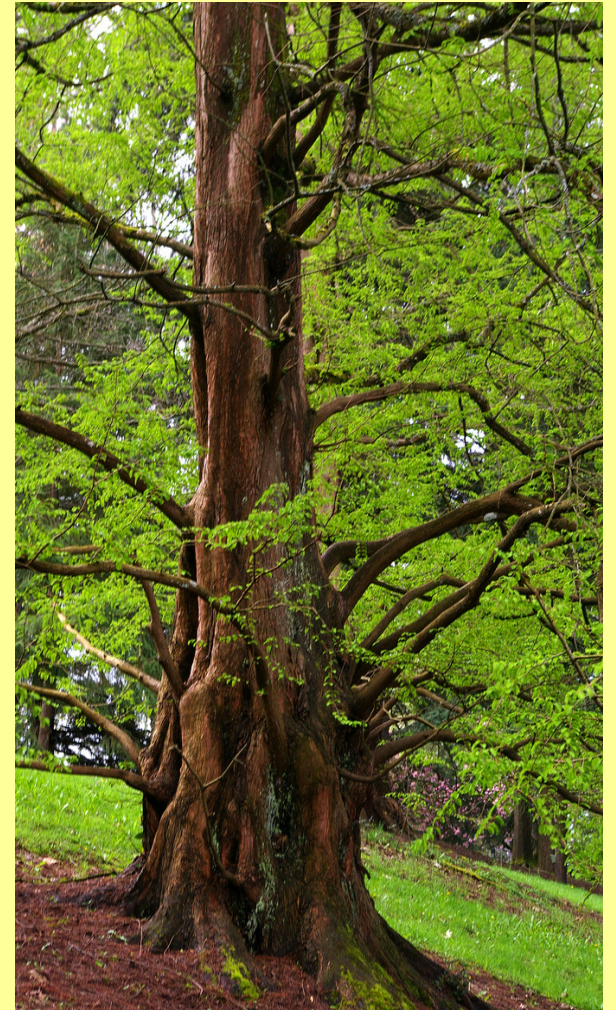
Housekeeping Code Amendments

Purpose

- Not intended to change policy
- Facilitate a smooth and seamless implementation
- Create a solid foundation for ongoing administration

Categories

- Clarify Policy
- Address Unintended Consequences
- Technical Corrections



Clarify Policy: #2 and #4

#2) Correct Permit Procedures Summary

Table 30-1:

Present regulations more clearly

#4) Clarify and expand Table 40-1:

Present regulations more clearly



Address Unintended Consequences

#1, #3, #7

#1) Amend Process for Updating Title 11:

Add a third tier of amendments: Conforming Amendments

#3) Eliminate Street Tree Removal Minimum Size Threshold:

Maintain existing policy for street tree removal

Clarify that sucker shoots and small self-sown trees do not require a permit

#7) Modify Enforcement Tools to Provide More Options

Add tools to back into regulations to allow staff to issue penalties to tree removal companies

Technical Amendments: #5 and #6

#5) Modify Tree Permit Summary Table 40-2 and 40-3: Tables are re-formatted and modified to reflect changes in amendments 2, 3, and 6

#6) Correct References and Typos, Replace inconsistent Terminology



Technical Amendments: #8

#8) Title 33, Planning and Zoning:

Rescind Conflicting Zoning Code Amendment to account for changes made with the Airport Futures Project currently in effect.

- Will maintain Airport Futures Project regulations
- No effect on Tree Code policies

Urban Forestry Commission Recommendation

- Forward to City Council with added direction:
 - Track and monitor Street Tree Removal Permits
 - Track and monitor Private Tree Removals
 - Monitor effectiveness of on-line Street Tree pruning permits and size threshold
 - Clarify terminology in code amendment commentary
 - Produce easy-to-understand outreach materials for subsequent code administration

Outreach & Feedback

Outreach

- Development Review Advisory Committee
- Urban Forestry Commission
- Citywide Land Use Group
- Email: Project Stakeholder Group; Project Mailing List

Comments

- Supportive
- Feedback on the new code
- Suggestions on further refining the language

Recommendation

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Recommend that Council amend Title 11 as shown in Exhibit A

Recommend that Council amend Title 33 as shown in Exhibit A

Direct staff to continue to refine the recommended code language as necessary