Street Tree Replacement & Maintenance Program

Benefits of Trees:

Street trees benefit you and the community in many ways. They add character to our neighborhoods, cool our homes and cities, clean our air, reduce stormwater runoff, increase property values, attract wildlife, and give us aesthetic beauty.

Property values are generally five to 20 percent higher if there are trees on the property. It makes good sense to properly care for and manage your street trees.

SUGGESTED TREE LIST

1. Brisbane Box (*Lophostemon confertus*)
2. Cajeput Tree (*Malaleuca viridiflora* v *rubriflora*)
3. Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia Chinensis*)
4. Evergreen Pear (*Pyrus Kawakamii*)
5. Fruitless Olive (*Olea europaea* ‘Monher’)
6. Maidenhair Tree (*Ginkgo biloba*)
7. London Plane (*Plantanus x hispanica*)
8. Marina Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus Marina*)
9. Palm Tree—any variety
10. New Zealand Christmas Tree (*metrosideros excelsa—M. Tomentosa*)

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**Plant Ahead**

In order to beautify our City, the planting of new trees is encouraged. Be certain when planting a tree that it has enough space to grow and flourish; consult your local nursery or arborist. Pay close attention to possible future overhead utility line conflicts when locating a tree, as well as its proximity to sidewalks, driveways, building foundations and other structures that could be damaged by tree roots. New trees require extra water for one or two seasons after planting.

The city does not replace street trees that are removed by the property owner. If a street tree is removed, property owners are required to replace the tree with a suitable “suggested” species.

In order to protect infrastructure and provide adequate irrigation, a deep root watering system should be installed, as shown in Diagram A and B.

- Limbs should be pruned to a height of at least 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above streets.
- Remove dead or diseased wood.
- Topping of street trees is PROHIBITED.
- Trees should be properly mulched and watered.
- Most trees under 10 feet do NOT need to be staked. Staking can actually harm the tree.
- Planting and tree maintenance should be performed by certified arborist and tree maintenance company.

**Keep Visibility in Mind**

At street intersections, the vision triangle boundary is formed by measuring along the curb lines from the intersection a distance of thirty-five (35) feet and then connecting the two points with a straight line.

**Diagram A**

**Diagram B**

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**Planting and Care Guidelines for a Healthy Tree**

**Arbutus Marina**

**New Zealand Christmas Tree**

**Evergreen Pear**