

TITLE 8
CHAPTER 4

TREES AND VEGETATION

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8-4-1: APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND SPECIES: Approval of the proposed location and species of all trees planted within the street right of way shall be required. Application shall be made to the City. Approval of the Public Works Director is required before proceeding.

8-4-2: MAINTENANCE, TRIMMING:

- A. No property owner or person in charge of property abutting a street shall permit the branches of any tree or shrub upon or in front of the premises he is in charge of to be less than eight feet (8') above the sidewalk or less than thirteen feet seven inches (13'7") above the level of any street.¹

At no time shall trees, shrubs and other vegetation on public or private property be allowed to obstruct vision at street, alley, bike path or pedestrian way intersections. (Ord. 696, 8-2-83)

- B. Responsibility for Trimming: The owner of property abutting a right of way is responsible for maintenance of vegetation within the right of way abutting said property.

All trees, shrubs, plants or vegetation within the right of way area between the improved road surface & the property line may be trimmed, pruned or removed at any time by the City or the City may require any property owner to trim, prune or remove plants or vegetation within the right of way area between the improved road surface & the property line abutting upon said owner's property, and failure to comply therewith, after ten (10) days' notice by the City Recorder, shall be deemed a violation of this Chapter. (Ord 6 Series 1987, eff 7-23-87)

- C. Dangerous trees in right of way: An abutting property owner may make application to the City Manager for permission to fall and remove leaning trees, snags or similar trees that may endanger private property. Upon application for a permit to remove such trees, the City Manager or designated staff person shall investigate and either issue or deny such permit within ten (10) days. Removal of trees must be done by a qualified person.(Ord. 6 Series 1987 eff. 7-23-87)

8-4-3: SPECIES PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful to plant any fir, acacia, cedar, balm, poplar, locust or cottonwood trees in any parking strip in any street in the City. (Ord. 220, 5-2-49)

8-4-4: REMOVAL OF TREES: Whenever, in the opinion of the City Manager, the root of any tree in any street has entered any sewer, lateral sewer or house connection in said street and is stopping, restricting or retarding the flow of sewage therein, he shall notify the owner to remove such tree. If the owner fails to remove said tree within thirty (30) days, the City Manager may remove or cause to be removed said tree and assess the costs of such removal against the property. (Ord. 220, 5-2-49; amd. 1981 Code.)

¹ See subsection 6-1-7-12A of this Code.