TREE DISPOSAL POLICY

Adopted May 8, 2001

REMOVAL

Downed and Dead Trees:

Determine who owns the downed or damaged tree – City or privately owned?

1. Tree blown down over the street or an easement will be removed from the street or easement by the City.
2. If the tree is a private tree, the disposal is the responsibility of the owner.  
   - Any City-owned tree will be taken care of by the City  
   -If the tree is on the border (between city/resident property) the cost is split 50/50.

Living Trees:  
A property owner may petition the city council in writing to remove a living tree in a city right of way if:

1. All property owners within 150 feet of the tree removal shall agree in writing.
2. A site map showing the tree at issue and the relative location of the nearby property owners shall be provided by the applicant.
3. The cost of removal is borne 100% by the petitioner(s).
4. The removal shall be done by a licensed and bonded contractor and that contractor shall hold the city harmless from any damage caused or accident incurred. An appropriate documentation shall be provided to the city clerk.

The city council is the final arbiter of whether a tree shall be removed under this policy.

PRUNING

This only applies to City-owned trees and is not applicable to privately-owned trees:

1. The City does not prune City-owned trees that grow into a private property.
2. Property owners/residents may prune the portions of the City-owned trees that grow across and into their property.

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