

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

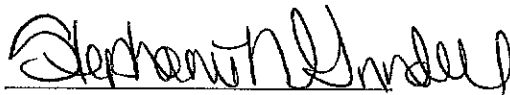
BULLETIN NO. 33

Subject: TREES, SHRUBS AND PLANTS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF-WAY

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1. All persons wishing to remove, replace, prune or plant trees or shrubs within the public right-of-way are required to submit a request to the Department of Public Works.
2. Requests for planting or removing trees or shrubs within the public right-of-way shall be directed to the NPDES Section. An inspector will visit the site and evaluate the location considering such matters as:
  - a. Condition of existing trees or shrubs
  - b. Obstruction of traffic signs or vision corridors
  - c. Interference with driveways, sidewalks and/or buildings
  - d. Interference with utility facilities
  - e. Space available for roots and growth
  - f. Other related matters which affect the right-of-way of the proposed planting.
3. Requests for tree trimming will be referred to the Public Works Operations Division.
4. Shade trees, planted within the public right-of-way and having less than 2 feet clearance from sidewalks or curbs will require root barriers, i.e., sections of metal pipe or root deflectors under the product name of "Root Solutions," or approval equal.
5. The NPDES Section, after proper review, will issue the necessary permit for the placement, removal or alteration of trees and landscaping within the public right-of-way.
6. Denial of a request to plant, remove or modify trees or shrubs within the right-of-way will be in writing.

7. The following table suggests spacing requirement for trees to be planted along City swales and medians:

**General Tree Spacing Specifications**

Mature Tree Height	Planting Area Width (Swale, Median)			
	5'	10'	15'	30'
	Tree Spacing			
40' or over	NR	NR	25'	40'
Between 15' and 39'	NR	25'	25'	30'
Less than 15'	10'	15'	15'	15'

NR: Not Recommended