



PDS Fee Schedule – Tree Protection Fees

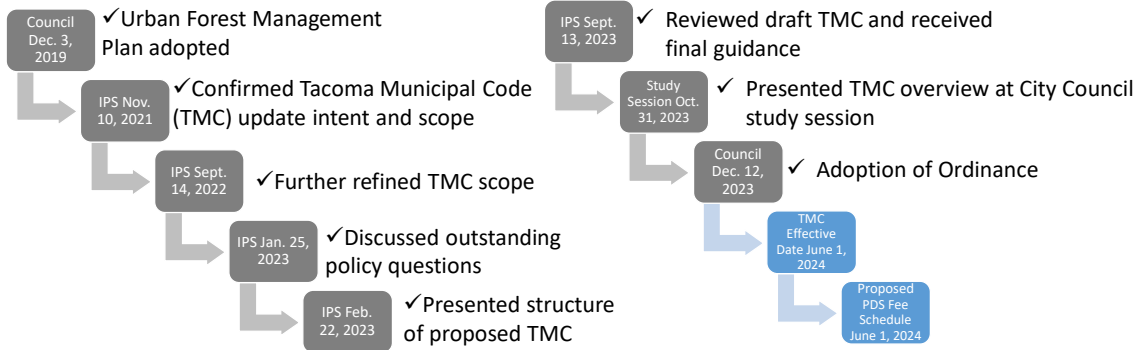
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BACKGROUND/HISTORY



1. Fix outdated and unclear requirements for right-of-way (ROW) tree planting, pruning, and removal.
2. Remove inconsistencies with City policies, incorporate technical manuals, and industry standard best management practices.
3. Discourage illegal tree removals through clear requirements and permitting processes.

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STREET TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Pruning (no fee permit)

- Must be conducted in a manner that keeps trees healthy and avoids future hazards

Planting (no fee permit)

- Must be done in accordance with City standards to avoid future conflicts

Removal (no fee permit, except *conflict trees)

- Removals permitted for specific purposes
- Fee for conflict tree removals, resulting from development/construction impacts
- Low-income qualifying fee reduction

North Yakima Tree Removal



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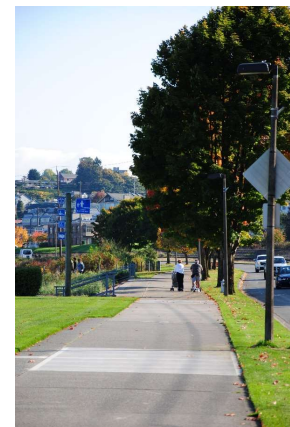
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PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

Excerpt from PDS Fee Schedule (bottom of page 9):

Other Right-of-Way Construction	
Street Tree Pruning	\$0
Street Tree Removal (non-conflict tree)	\$0
Street Tree Removal (conflict tree)	\$570
Canopy Loss Fee, per Caliper Inch	\$130
Street Tree Planting	\$0

- New fees intended to assist City in achieving goals related to urban forestry standards.
- Reduction if fees allowed as outlined in TMC 2.09 – Table I



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NEXT STEPS



- May 7, 2024 – Government Performance and Finance Committee Presentation
- May 21, 2024 – City Council Resolution
- June 1, 2024 – New Policy and Fee Structure Effective

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