



TO: Council Member Conor McCarthy; Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Members
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SUBJECT: Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee – Response to Councilmember questions at the September 9 and September 23 meeting
DATE: October 12, 2020

Background:

This correspondence provides a response to questions that have arisen in the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee from City Council Member Hunter at the September 9, 2020 meeting, and from Council Member Beale at the September 23, 2020 meeting. At the September 9, 2020 meeting the committee heard a presentation on Urban Food Security through trees and urban agriculture on public lands. At the September 23, 2020, meeting, the committee heard a presentation on Environmental Action Plan Progress Report.

Question Subject

Council Member Hunter asked for additional information about raised bed requirements in the City of Tacoma right-of-way.

Staff Response:

Public Works has produced some easy to follow guidelines to help people install raised beds; a handout summarizing that information is attached. They also are available for follow up questions and meetings with individual Council members to address questions.

Question Subject

Council Member Beale asked for an update on the pilot electric vehicle permit program that waives costs for putting a charging station in front of residents' homes.

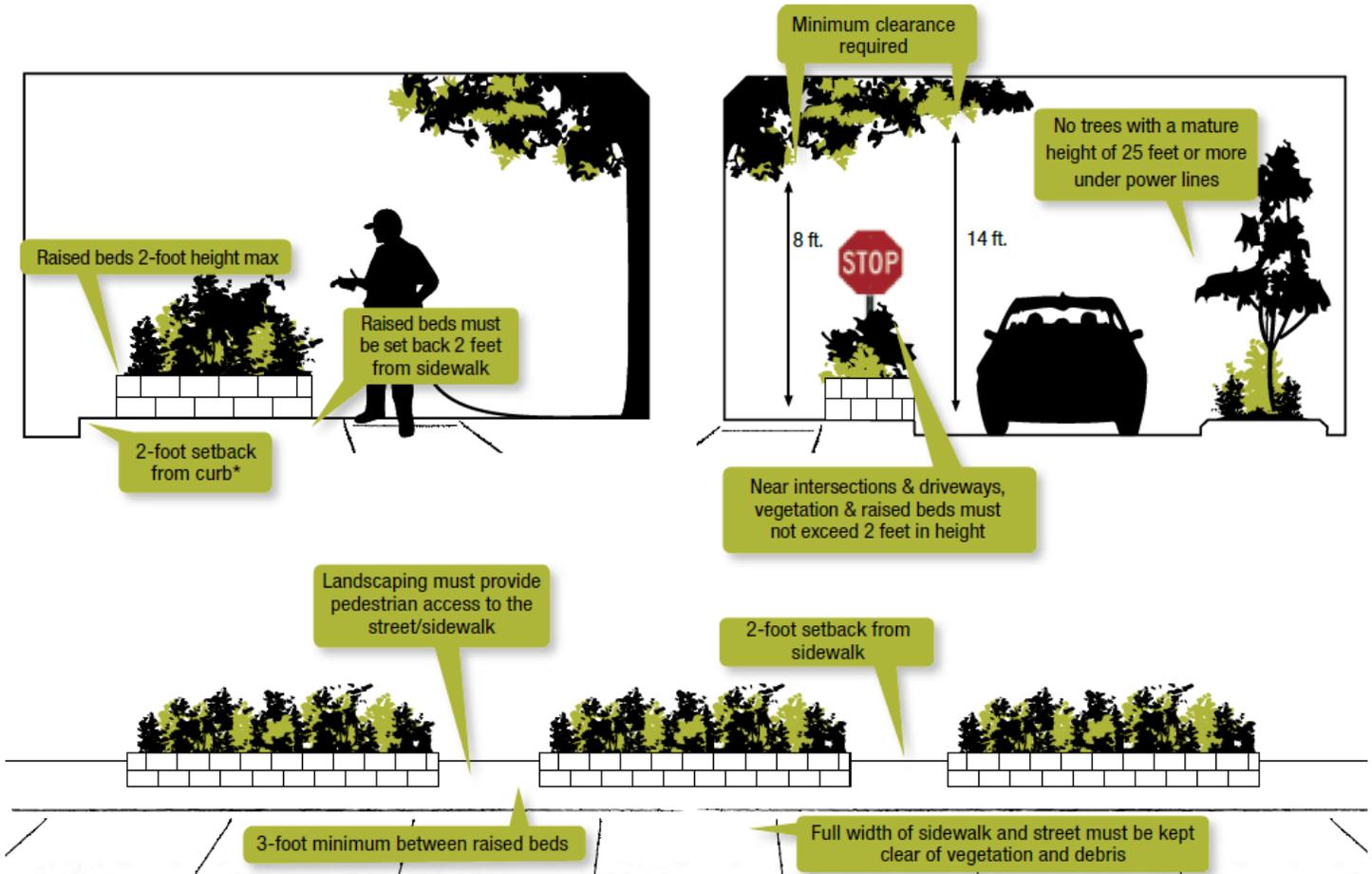
Staff Response:

Kristin Lynett confirmed with Public Works staff that there have been zero applications for the EV charging Right-of-Way Residential Pilot Program.

Right-of-Way Occupancy

Raised Planter Boxes

Raised planter boxes may be installed in the ROW. All planter boxes shall be no more than 24 inches in height, and shall have a minimum setback of 2 feet from the curb and from the edge of sidewalk. They may be no longer than 40 feet in length, and must provide a minimum of 3 feet of unimpeded clearance at each end to provide pedestrian access between the sidewalk and curbside vehicles. Plant height in a raised planter box shall be measured from the surrounding ground level, not the ground level within the planter box.



*For streets without a curb contact Traffic Engineering at (253) 591-5500

DID YOU KNOW

- Raised bed planters are allowed in the right-of-way. However, planters must meet the standards in this brochure.

- You are responsible for maintaining the right-of-way abutting your property. This includes keeping the sidewalks free of debris and making sure trees meet clearance standards and are safe for passersby.

- Part of your electric bill goes to trim trees planted under power lines. Help keep your rates lower by making sure to only plant approved species under power lines, and replace trees that aren't suited for their location.



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