

POLICY TITLE <i>TREES ON CITY PROPERTY</i>	ADOPTED BY: <i>CITY COUNCIL</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>DECEMBER 11, 1989</i>
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1. PURPOSE

To beautify the Community through the planting, maintenance and protection of trees on City property.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 City Property - all land owned, controlled or maintained by the City including parks, boulevards, buffer strips, medians and natural stands.
- 2.2 Boulevard - that part of city property situated between the street and the facing front/side property and by practice maintained by the residents of the facing property.
- 2.3 Buffer strip - City-owned property set aside for the purpose of providing an aesthetic barrier to screen noise, unsightly areas and prevent through sites.
- 2.4 Median - that part of the roadway which divides the lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions, commonly called the centre boulevard.
- 2.5 Natural Stand - this includes riverbanks, bluffs, etc. where trees are in their natural state.
- 2.6 Pruning - the removal of specific branches for the purpose of preserving the health and appearance of the tree and for public safety.
- 2.7 Tree - shall be interpreted to include both trees and shrubs.
- 2.8 International Society of Arboriculture - a North American Association for the advancement and perpetuation of arboriculture.
- 2.9 Agencies - includes Meewasin Valley Authority, public and private utilities.

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3. POLICY

The planting, care and maintenance of trees on City property shall be in accordance with the standards and practices established by the City.

3.1 Planting - residents may, subject to City approval, plant trees on City property.

3.2 Recognition of Donations - the City shall not allow signage in recognition of the donor of trees planted on City property except in the case of signage for veterans' memorials.

3.3 Maintenance and Removal

The City will observe the following priorities when responding to requests from residents, contractors and agencies for the maintenance or removal of trees on City property:

- Public hazard;
 - Interference with overhead utility lines;
 - Disease;
 - General tree care.
- a) Trees shall not be pruned, trimmed or removed for the purpose of opening up views from private property.
- b) Trees shall not be removed for the purpose of relocating driveways or structures unless:
- i) the tree can be successfully relocated;
 - ii) the tree can be replaced by one of similar quality

The replacement or removal of trees for the purpose of relocating driveways shall be at the expense of the property owner making the request.

- c) Requests to remove or replace trees for reasons other than those cited above shall be dealt with on their own merit.

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3.4 Protection

Residents, contractors and agencies working near or carrying on any operation near a public tree shall be required to take reasonable precautions to prevent damage to such trees.

- a) Such residents, contractors and agencies shall be liable for any loss of or damage to public trees occurring as a consequence of such work or operations.
- b) The value to be used in establishing compensation for damage to or loss of public trees shall be based on the "Guide for Establishing Values of Trees and Other Plants" adopted by the International Society of Arboriculture.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Civic Buildings and Grounds Department

- a) Establish standards and practices pertaining to the planting, care and maintenance of trees on City property.
- b) Administer the provisions of this policy.

4.2 City Council

- a) Consider and, where appropriate, approve amendments to this policy.