

# SDOT Street Tree Manual

A Brief Overview



Urban Forestry Commission

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# SDOT's mission & vision

Mission: delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle.



Vision: a vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.

# SDOT's core principles





# Presentation overview

- Background
  - Street Tree Ordinance
  - Previous Draft
- Review the Purpose and Intent
- Review Content Changes
- Roll-out Schedule

# Background

The Street Tree Ordinance passed in April of 2013

- Describes Tree Service Provider
- Clarifies that all Street Trees are protected
- Describes permit requirements for pruning, removing, planting



# Background

- First Draft of Street Tree Manual was reviewed by SDOT, UFC, and other stakeholders: including WSDOT, WNSLA, WALP and ISA representatives
- This version incorporates that input



# Purpose and Intent

Clarify the intent and scope of the  
"Street Tree Ordinance"

Seattle Municipal Code

Title 15

Chapter 43

"Tree and Vegetation Management in Public Places"

# Content Improvements

- Clearly describe types and allowable limits of pruning. Incorporated ANSI A-300s as the standard
- Requires pruning plans to ensure consistent enforcement
- Reduced jargon, provided a comprehensive glossary

# Content Improvements

- Clearly defined “street tree” and “public place”
- Tailored the information to be usable by homeowners, Tree Service Providers and other Contractors who may impact street trees
- Clearly outlined potential penalties and listed them up front
- Citations
- Notices of Violation



# Content Improvements



- Incorporated text, tables, standard plans and specifications, and images to reinforce the information
- Adopted ISA's tree risk assessment form and guidance and streamlined the risk management section

# Next steps

Nov 7	Comment Period Ends
Nov 7-20	Review and Revise
Nov 21	Obtain Director Signature
Nov 24	Publish
Nov/Dec	Get the word out!
Jan 2015	Activate TSP Registration

# Questions?

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