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OLD: Street Use Ordinance calls only for preserving trees but provides no detail.

PROPOSED :

- Makes it illegal to damage or destroy a street tree
- Regulates attachment of holiday lights
- Prohibits topping, spurring, attaching signs or objects
- Prohibits placement of construction debris adjacent to trees
- Regulates the storage of materials adjacent to right-of-way trees.

Permitting

OLD: Require permits to plant, prune or remove a street tree. No requirement to replace a street tree.

PROPOSED :

- Describes the process & procedures for applying for a permit
- Defines criteria for granting planting, pruning or removal permits
- Requires a replacement tree when a removal permit is granted
- Allows minor pruning of 2" inch diameter limbs or less without a permit.

Tree maintenance

OLD: Does not define responsibility for maintenance of right-of-way trees.

PROPOSED :

- Clarifies SDOT & property owner responsibilities for tree maintenance
- Gives city authority to perform emergency work on privately owned ROW trees
- Establishes criteria by which a tree can be deemed a public nuisance
- Retains SDOT's authority to order the maintenance of a right-of-way tree to ensure public safety.

Arborist Certification

OLD: Does not require any specific qualifications for companies performing tree work or standards for work performed by them.

PROPOSED :

- Requires maintenance work to be performed or supervised by an ISA certified arborist
- Establishes insurance requirements for tree care firms
- Allows a property owner to perform minor pruning without a permit
- Requires a permit for major pruning by property owner
- Requires the work to meet industry standards.

Penalties and Fines

OLD: Inadequate penalties for illegal tree work on privately maintained trees.

PROPOSED :

- Identifies illegal activities related to the treatment of trees
- Establishes penalties for damaging or destroying trees.

