

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

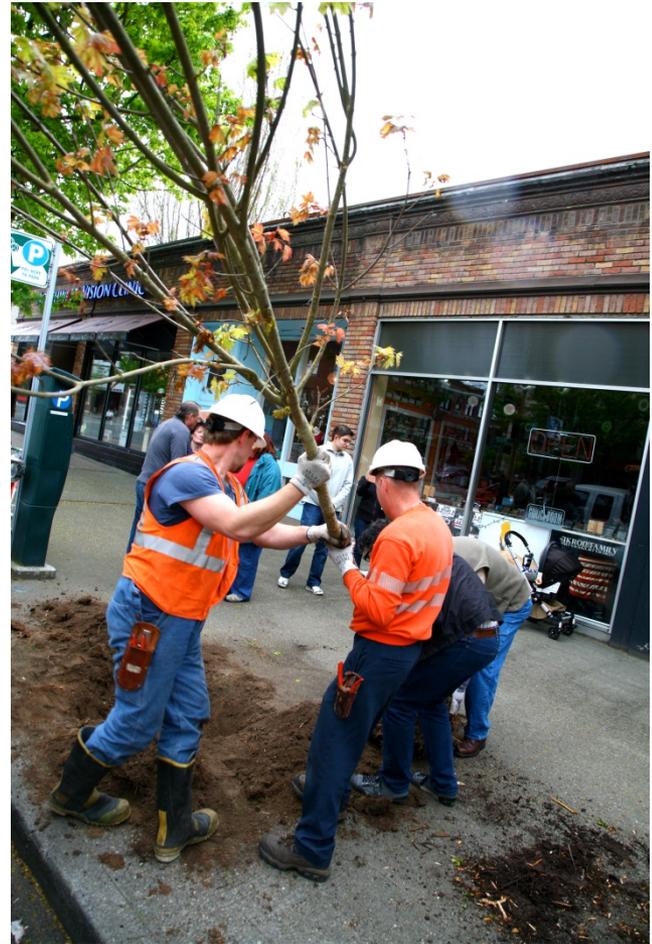
The Street Tree Ordinance passed in April of 2013

- 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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