

PARKS BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Council Policy G-1

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CITY OF
NEWPORT BEACH

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COUNCIL POLICY G-1

Establishes standards for retention and removal, reforestation of City trees.

- Types of City trees:
 - Special City trees: Landmark, Dedicated, and Neighborhood trees
 - Problem City trees
 - Standard City trees

COUNCIL POLICY G-1 AMENDMENTS

- Policies updates every 2 years
- Ad Hoc Council Policy Review Committee
- Staff experience



BASIC CHANGES

- The G-1 Policy was reorganized with limited substantive revisions.
- The new framework lays out a similar structure to the City's other permit processes including:
 - definitions, basis for removal of city trees,
 - application process,
 - findings necessary to remove trees,
 - reforestation/appeals process, and
 - public hearing/notification requirements.

OTHER CHANGES

SUBJECT	PROPOSED CHANGE
Problem Trees	Trees infested with Tuliptree Scale to a degree of property damage and trees preventing property owners gaining fire insurance
Petition Signatures	Property owners appealing through reforestation and in a dense community will have the petition area set at a maximum of 100 properties
Notifications	Notifications on Standard and Problem Trees that are not of an emergency nature will be seven days advance notice versus 14
Final Decision	PB&R is the final decision-making authority on appeals and reforestations
Inventory	Special tree inventory numbers were updated with removals and additions since the last amendment.

G- 6 POLICY (MAINTENANCE & PLANTING OF PARKWAY TREES)

Existing Council Policy G-6 contains provisions that are more appropriate in Council Policy G-6 (Maintenance and Planting of Parkway Trees).

- Section VI (Tree Maintenance)
- Section VIII (Tree Trimming Standards)
- Section IX (Supplemental Tree Trimming)

RECOMMENDATION

- Commission receive and file the proposed revisions to Council Policy G-1 (Retention and Removal of City Trees) (Council Policy G-1)
- Provide any additional comments/revisions

QUESTIONS

