

TREE REMOVAL AND RETENTION

Arlington Street Rehabilitation (University Ave to Anderson Ave)

The Arlington Street Rehabilitation project will unfortunately be impacting mature trees on the street. The Forestry Division has recommended that the trees be removed or that new curb be omitted to within 5 feet on either side of the tree trunk.

The trees most likely to be impacted by construction activities are located in front of properties: 3, 6, 7, 8, and 12 Arlington Street.

FORESTRY SERVICES TREE REMOVAL POLICY

Tree removal is a necessary management practice to ensure public safety, urban forest health and responsible fiscal management.

A city tree will only be removed under the following circumstances:

Public Safety: When a hazard constitutes removal of more than 50 percent of the live crown or when the structural integrity of the tree is undermined to the point that it is susceptible to wind fall.

Urban Forest Health: When tree disease significantly threatens the health of other city trees.

Fiscal Management: When alternative tree management practices exceed the value of the tree or will not prolong the tree's life beyond five years.

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UPDATE ON ARLINGTON STREET TREE RETENTION

The City will attempt to retain the existing curb in front of the existing trees slated for removal in an effort to protect the trees. Existing curb will be retained 5 feet on either side of the tree trunk. See graphical display below.

Once the existing curb is retained, please keep in mind that this condition will remain until the next planned major capital improvement project for the street. Retention of the existing curb may cause additional complications and challenges during construction with grading and drainage issues, but we will make every attempt to lessen the impact to the existing trees. Although every effort will be made to preserve the existing trees there is no guarantee that the trees will survive construction. In some cases, the tree will have disturbance around the perimeter of the tree with driveway apron, sidewalk and carriage walk work. Any tree which becomes de-stabilized during construction as deemed by the City Forester will be removed as part of this project. Upon completion of this project, if a tree meets the Tree Removal Policy it will be addressed by the City Forester.

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