



# CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

## CITY TREE REMOVAL POLICY

Development Services Department

3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720

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Please review the City's Tree Removal Request Form to determine eligibility to have the parkway tree in front of your property removed. Please allow up to **15 business days** for review and notification from the date of submittal.

### A. REQUESTOR'S INFORMATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. REQUESTED ACTION

Remove     Plant New Tree     Inspect     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_

(if requesting a new tree, refer to City Approved Tree List found on the City's website)

Location of Tree (provide specifics): \_\_\_\_\_

### C. REASON FOR REQUEST

Causing Damage     Decayed     Safety Hazard     Diseased     Replace

Other (provide description): \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental Data Attached (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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#### D. APPROVED ACTION:

Remove     Trim     Plant New Tree     Inspect     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter (inches): \_\_\_\_\_ Height (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Applicant Notification: \_\_\_\_\_  Email     Mail

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Street Tree Removal Policies

The City will remove parkway trees under the following conditions after an assessment by City staff and/or licensed contractor:

1. The tree is determined to be a hazard including danger of falling or large limbs dropping.
2. The tree is dead or diseased as determined by a qualified and licensed expert.
3. The tree has caused recurring damage to public curbs, gutters, or sidewalks and root pruning will not reasonably prevent further damage.
4. The tree has damaged private property, including retaining walls, block ways, foundations, driveways, water/sewage line, and root pruning will not reasonably prevent further damage.
5. The tree will be replaced with a healthy City approved tree.

The City will **not** remove parkway trees for the following reasons:

1. The tree drops leaves, pods, flowers, etc.
2. The trees inhabit animals in its natural state such as birds, squirrels, and non-invasive insects.
3. Tree roots are coming to the surface in the front yard or parkway.
4. Tree roots have damaged private plants, paving, or concrete constructed in the parkway.
5. Tree roots prevent other landscape to grow in the parkway.
6. The tree is not determined a hazard or life threatening.

No property owner/contracted landscaper, other than the City and its approved licensed contractor, is authorized to remove public trees without authorization from the City. Tree removal constitutes stump and root removal in a manner acceptable by the City. A replacement tree, chosen by the property owner when applicable, shall be replanted in its place by the City. If the City discovers an unauthorized tree planting not in conformance with this policy, the City will determine if the tree meets the criteria for removal including imminent hazard at the property owner's expense.

If the property owner wishes to remove a parkway tree and it does not fall within the guidelines described above, the property owner, with approval from the City, may remove the tree at their own expense. The property owner and/or their contracted landscaper are liable for all damages to the adjacent sidewalk, curb, gutter, and street if any damages occur during the removal of the tree. The property owner **must** replace the tree with a chosen tree that is on the established tree list. Once this is done, the property owner may remove the existing tree. The City will then purchase the tree (15 gallon) and replant it in the parkway.

In order to contribute to the City's overarching goal to preserve and maintain its urban forest, private property owners are encouraged to similarly maintain and protect trees on their property.

Please contact the Development Services Department at (562) 431-3538 if you have any questions or visit the City's website at [www.cityoflosalamitos.org](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org)