



Tualatin's Street Trees and Sidewalks

*City Council Work Session
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Overview of Topics



- **Street Trees**

- Code Overview: responsibility and liability
- Replacement Process: fees, permits, approved tree species
- City Programs
- Challenges
- Future Work

- **Sidewalks**

- Code Overview: responsibility and liability
- Replacement Process: fees and permits
- City Programs
- Challenges
- Street Tree Sidewalk Program Assessment

- **Next Steps**



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Street Trees – Code and Responsibility



What is a Street Tree?
These are Street Trees!



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Street Trees – Code and Responsibility



- TDC 74.485 Development Requirements
- 74.740 Removal of Street Trees
- 74.705 Removal Permit
- 74.706 Fees
- 74.707 Voluntary Planting
- 74.708 Emergencies
- 74.725 Maintenance
- 74.730 Fines
- 74.735 Trimming by City
- 74.760 Fines for Lack of Maintenance
- 74.765 Species and Locations
- 74.1 Table of approved tree species



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Street Trees – Replacement Process



- File a permit online via eTrackit
- Application Review
- Site Visit
- Permit approval
- Removal/Planting
 - 1) Owner can hire a contractor
 - 2) Owner does work themselves
 - 3) City removal and planting
- Post-planting Inspection
- Close permit



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Street Trees – City Programs



- Street Tree planting
- Street Tree removal
- Street Tree trimming
- Reverse frontage trees



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Street Trees – Challenges



- Enforcement
- Staff are bound by City Code
- Street Tree trimming work
 - Visibility, safety, traffic
- Sidewalk program coordination
- Workload, 75-100 per year



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Sidewalks – Code and Responsibility



Municipal Code Chapter 2-02:

2-2-020: Duty to Repair and Clear Sidewalks

2-2-030: Liability for Sidewalk Injuries

2-2-050: Required Sidewalk Repairs



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Sidewalks – Replacement Process



- Replacing Panels? Permit Required
- Apply through City Engineering Division
- Permit Cost: \$173.00 (additional cost for driveway approach work)
- Contractor completes work, City inspects for compliance
- Can be paired with street tree replacement, or not!
- How much does sidewalk replacement cost?



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Sidewalk Maintenance Program



- Established 2001
- **Goal:** address tripping hazards throughout the City that are caused by street trees
- **Funding:** \$150,000 annual from Road Utility Fund
- **Process:** moves in geographic zones throughout City residential areas.
- How much work is completed each year?



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Sidewalks – Challenges and Program Assessment



- Fall further behind each year – once 3 zones is now 16 zones
- Method: geographic process is fair, but does it address most significant issues?
- Tualatin resident unhappiness
- Summer / Fall 2024: city-wide sidewalk assessment
- Research on sidewalk programs
- Development of alternative approaches (pros and cons)



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Next Steps - Sidewalks



- Complete City-wide sidewalk assessment (October 2024)
- Develop alternative approaches to sidewalk program (Winter 2024):
 - Potential prioritization criteria
 - Pros and Cons
 - Costs



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Next Steps – Street Trees



- Complete City-wide Street Trees assessment
- Develop updated list of approved street trees
- Develop alternative approaches
- Develop recommendations



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Questions and Discussion