

Street Trees Legislation - Summary of Proposed Amendments

	Existing Code	Original Proposal (12/9/25 Version 1)	Proposed Amendments (Substitute Version 2 & proposed Committee amendments)
In-Lieu Fee	All projects subject to tree planting requirements must plant trees unless impossible, impractical, or unsafe.	All projects subject to tree planting requirements may elect to fee out.	Large projects (those subject to Better Streets Plan requirements) would not be able to fee out unless planting is not possible. Smaller projects could still elect to fee out.
Street Tree Removal on City Land	Removals of street trees are subject to: (1) 30-day notice period, (2) appeal to Director of Public Works, and (3) appeal to Board of Appeals.	Eliminated appeals for City-initiated removals on City land.	Appeals are restored. Appeals to the Board of Appeals must be scheduled within 15 days of filing and acted upon within 30 days of filings.
Hazard Tree Removals	Removals of hazard street trees subject to: (1) 15-day notice period, (2) appeal to Director of Public Works, and (3) appeal to Board of Appeals.	Eliminated appeals for removals of hazard street trees.	[Sup. Mahmood Amendment to be made in Committee] Removals of hazard street trees subject to: (1) 15-day notice period, (2) appeal to Director of Public Works, but no appeal to Board of Appeals.
Other	-	-	Clarify and reduce redundancy in Planning Code language.