



Parkway Tree Protection

Effective November 5, 2019

To reduce the likelihood that construction activities damage or destroy adjacent parkway trees of a significant size (**18 inches or greater diameter**), the Village Council approved changes to the building permit review and inspection process through several amendments to the Village Code.

On-Site Pre-Demolition Meeting: A permit applicant will be required to attend a meeting to discuss the prevention of injury to trees in the public right-of-way, construction expectations and potential issues which may impact public right-of-way. Permit applicants are required to hold an on-site pre-demolition meeting to discuss tree preservation regulations, construction expectations and potential issues which may impact adjacent parkway trees (Section 24.106). Before demolition is set to occur, please contact Community Development at 630-434-5515 to schedule the on-site pre-demolition meeting.

Site Management Regulations: The following will now be required as part of site management:

- During site management inspection discuss parkway tree protection (Section 7.602)
- Require the installation of a sign on the tree protection fencing, for all trees, stating that the fencing cannot be relocated or removed for any reason (Section 7.1801(e)). Applicants will be required to pay an additional \$25.00 for their sign and pick up with their building permit.
- Inspection of the parkway tree as part of the water service pre-tap inspection to make sure that the installation of the water service does not negatively impact the tree (Section 24.106)

Inspections: Builders will be required to pass the water service pre-tap inspection prior to performing any trenching or augering within tree protection fencing areas (Section 24.106).

Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Report: If there is a potential conflict with a tree in the parkway that is 18 inches or greater in diameter, builders will be required to submit a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Report (TRAQ) for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. This report shall be completed by a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Professional and shall take into account utility conflicts and other issues which may affect the tree (Section 24.106).

Fees and Fines Increase: The amounts of the value of parkway trees, fees to be paid to the Village for damage or loss of a parkway tree and fines for damaging or destroying a parkway tree are shown below (Section 24.107).

Parkway Tree Violation	Fees/Fines
Code violation, 1 st offense	\$2000
Code violation, 2 nd offense	\$3000
Code violation, 3 rd and subsequent offense	\$5000
Unlawful removal of tree	\$275 per inch/trunk diameter

How do I know if I have a significant sized tree located in the parkway directly in front of or across from my property?

On the Village's website, search "Parcel Navigator." Once in the map "Parcel Navigator," turn on the Forestry Layer, by selecting the layer button located at the bottom of the page. If you still have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-434-5460. Village staff will schedule a meeting, as necessary, to review Village ordinance and your development site.