

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMIT NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING

Protecting Canopy, Improving Transparency, Accelerating Delivery



Current Tree Removal Permit Notification and Reporting Guidelines:



**Removal of
1-2 Street Trees**
⌚ (30 - 60 days)



Website

Posting on Street
Tree Removal
Notification system
(StreetsLA website)



Review

Application, tree, and
site inspection with
photographs reviewed
by StreetsLA UFD



Permit

If approved, tree
removal permit with
replacement
conditions is issued



**Removal of
Removal of 3+ Street Trees
(or Single Project)**
⌚ (90 - 120 days)



Council Office
Respective Council
Office notified



Website

Posting on Street Tree
Removal Notification
system (StreetsLA website)



Physical Notice

Physical notice placed
on each proposed tree
removal for 30 days



Review & Report

Application and site
inspection reviewed;
Board Report created



Board Hearing

Board public hearing to
consider the permit
application

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS



241 Removal Reports
(Last 5 FY)



60% involved
only 3–5 trees



Board concurred
in **EVERY** case

High process cost, low added value

IMPACTS



Review timelines:
90–120 DAYS



Board hearings for
as few as 3 trees



Staff/Board time
on low-impact cases



Increasing safety &
delivery pressures

CURRENT VS. PROPOSED

CURRENT GUIDELINES



Removal of 1-2 Trees (ADMIN)



Website
posting



Application &
Inspection



Permit
Issued



Removal of 3+ Trees (BOARD)



Council
Office

+



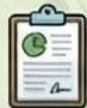
Website
Posting

+



Physical Notice
(30 days)

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Inspection &
Board Report

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Board
Hearing



90-120 DAYS

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS



Removal of 5 or Fewer Trees (ADMIN)



Website
posting



Application &
Inspection



Permit
Issued



Removal of 6+ Trees (BOARD)



Council
Office

+



Website
Posting

+



Physical Notice
(10 days)

→



Inspection &
Board Report

→



Board
Hearing



90-100 DAYS

MODERNIZING STREET TREE REMOVAL OVERSIGHT

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SMART EXEMPTIONS (Speed + Safety)



Trees under 2 inches diameter



Dead, dying, or compromised trees



Trees tied to verified liability claims



1,400 claims,
\$38.6M
(since FY 2019–20)

WHAT THIS ACHIEVES



Up to 60% faster
for small projects



Frees Board/staff for
high-impact decisions



Maintains public notice
for larger removals



Aligns with Mayor's
Directives & CEQA reforms