

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMIT NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING

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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 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)



Inspection & Board Report



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)



60%



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