

DRAFT: Tree Removal “Moratorium”

INSERT after Sec. 21-90 the following section:

Sec. 21-91 Temporary Limitation of Tree Removals

- (a) Effective [date], no tree having a diameter of six (6) inches or greater shall be removed on land identified in Sec. 21-82(a) nor on any exempt lot for a period of one year unless sooner repealed or amended by the City Council. This limitation shall not apply to tree removal permits issued prior to its effective date, nor to removal of any tree determined by the tree warden to be dead, diseased, in danger of falling, dangerously close to existing structures, causing disruption of public utility service, causing drainage problems or passage problems upon rights-of-way, or posing a threat to pedestrian or vehicular safety. Documentation shall be provided by a Certified Arborist utilizing industry-approved Risk Tree Evaluation method along with any additional forms or documentation required by the Tree Warden. The procedures of Sec. 21-84 shall apply to emergency removal of hazardous trees.
- (b) Regulations for projects with special permits remain in effect.
- (c) Any violation of the provisions of Sec. 21-91 (a) shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Sec. 21-89 and shall be subject to the provisions of Sec. 21-85 and Sec. 21-86.