



Government of the District of Columbia  
District Department of Transportation  
Urban Forestry Administration  
2217 14<sup>th</sup> St NW  
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To: Public Space Management Administration

Re: UFA removal policy of live public space trees.

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If a development plan—large or small—is dependent on a new curb cut, and if this curb cut requires the removal of 1-2 trees, the Urban Forestry Administration agrees to consider the application. On site, we determine the size and quality of the tree proposed for removal. The overall importance of this tree to the character of the streetscape, as well as other environmental concerns is also evaluated. For trees that are greater than 15 caliper inches, rare or unique in some way, or that represent a large percentage of the block's overall canopy, the application is denied. For other, less substantial trees the application is frequently approved based on several conditions.

Permit requests to remove one or more live street trees—located between the curb and the sidewalk—are subject to the following requirements contingent upon permit approval:

The applicant will replace all live trees removed caliper inch per caliper inch at UFA selected locations. Replacement trees will carry a two year warranty—excluding vandalism or a vehicular accident. Replacement trees will be 2.5 caliper inches, balled and burlapped. UFA will specify the species. If a tree box or planting strip is authorized to be eliminated the applicant will cut a new tree box at a location selected by UFA. New tree boxes shall have 18" high ornamental iron fencing on all sides except the curb side—without flat stock across the bottom unless it is underground. There shall be 5 posts to support the frame of the fencing: one in each corner of the box and one in the middle of the width of the box on the sidewalk side. Tree box dimensions should be 6' x 9'. If this dimension will not conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements then the box shall be at least 4' x 9'.

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