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## **Street Tree Removal Criteria**

The permit for major pruning or removal shall be granted if any of the following criteria are met:

1. The tree is dead or diseased. This criterion shall not be used as the sole reason for removal if the cost of curing the disease is less than one-fourth of the value of the tree. Criterion 1 is to determine if major pruning or removal is appropriate, and shall not be used to require treatment of the tree.
2. The tree has become a major nuisance by virtue of damage to personal property or improvements, either public or private, on the subject site or adjacent sites, and that the maintenance required to prevent damage to such improvements or property outweighs the value of the tree to the community.
3. The tree is unsafe to the occupants of the property, an adjacent property or the general public.
4. The removal has been approved as part of a development project, pursuant to the provisions of §17.5.135.
5. The removal is for a public purpose, and there is no alternative without significant cost or safety problems.
6. The removal is part of a street tree improvement program, such as improving the streetscape, or improving the age and species diversity within the City.