

12.16.010 - Purpose—Authority—General provisions.

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to provide supervisory care for the city urban forestry system; to assist and direct property owners in providing for the safe use of public rights-of-way by timely and proper maintenance of trees, shrubs, hedges and vines, and to establish and enforce professional standards for city business licensees, pursuant to licensing provisions of Chapters 5.04 and 5.80 of the city code, pertaining to trimming, removing, and applying pesticides and insecticides to trees and shrubs.
- B. The requirements of this chapter will not be deemed to impose any liability for damages or duty of care and maintenance upon the city or any of its officers, agents or employees. The person abutting public property or the owner of any private property will have a duty to keep trees, shrubs, hedges and vines upon the property in a safe, healthy condition.
- C. The city will employ or may contract for the services of a person to be known as the director of forestry, under the direction of the director of the parks and recreation department, whose powers and duties are set forth within this chapter.
 - 1. In order to accomplish the purposes of this chapter, the director of forestry is authorized to enter upon any property within the city for the purpose of inspecting trees and/or shrubs after having provided proper notice.
- D. Regulations and specifications known as the "Forestry Division: Regulations and Specifications" are included and set forth within this chapter as outlined in Section 12.16.070
 - 1. Purpose of the regulations and specifications is to govern the trimming, spraying, removal, planting, pruning and protection of trees, shrubs, vines and hedges upon or affecting the public rights-of-way on any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place within the city, including, but not limited to, parks, public buildings, cemeteries, golf courses and open spaces.
- E. The director of forestry is hereby authorized to assess basic costs and fees, including an administrative fee to cover expenses related to personnel and equipment relative to enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, as set out in Section 12.16.080 of this chapter.
- F. The following documents, as amended, a copy of which are on file and open for inspection by the public with the forestry division and office of the city clerk, are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out:
 - 1. American National Standards Institute, Inc., ANSI Z133.1-2000. American National Standard for Arboriculture Operations - Pruning, Repairing, Maintaining and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush Safety Requirements;
 - 2. American National Standards Institute, Inc., ANSI A300 (Part 1)-2001. American National Standard for Tree Care Operations - Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance - Standard Practices (Pruning);
 - 3. American National Standards Institute, Inc., ANSI A300 (Part 2)-1998. American National Standard for Tree Care Operations - Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance - Standard Practices (Fertilization);
 - 4. American National Standards Institute, Inc., ANSI A300 (Part 3)-2000. American National Standard for Tree Care Operations - Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance - Standard Practices (Support Systems, a. Cabling, Bracing and Guying).

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