

12.16.060 - Soil excavation or trenching around the base of trees.

- A. A site evaluation by the director of forestry, or designee, is required prior to any soil excavation or trenching work around the base of trees that may cut large tree roots (greater than three inches in diameter) within seven feet of the base of a tree located upon the public rights-of-way that has a trunk greater than twelve (12) inches in diameter.
- B. In conducting the site evaluation, the director of forestry, or designee, will:
 - 1. Check the excavation or trenching site and tree to determine any anticipated tree root damage and whether a potential structural safety threat may exist as a result of the excavation or trenching work;
 - 2. Inform owners of property abutting the proposed excavation or trenching work area of any required tree maintenance.
- C. In the event that emergency soil excavation or trenching work must be performed during non-business hours, the office of the director of forestry must be contacted immediately, but not later than the next business day, to make arrangements for a structural safety evaluation of the tree.

(Ord. 3613 § 1 (part), 2004)