

CITY OF SPOKANE ADMIN 0650-08-01 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE LGL 2008-16

TITLE: EXISTING SIDEWALK RETROFIT - STREET TREES

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#### 1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Soil is a key factor for tree health but in an urban setting it's almost impossible to provide ideal soil volumes. The purpose of this policy is to provide standards for when building permit applicants retrofit existing sidewalks with street trees.

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### 2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

This policy shall apply to the Planning Services Department, the Building Services Department, Engineering Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the Urban Forestry Program.

### 3.0 REFERENCES

SMC Sections 11.19.197, 17C.122.140, and 17C.200.050

# 4.0 DEFINITIONS

None.

## 5.0 POLICY

5.1 It is the policy of the City of Spokane that for existing sidewalks retrofitted to meet current standards, building permit applicants shall provide as much uncompacted soil as possible for trees.

### 6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 For existing sidewalks that will be retrofitted to meet current standards, building permit applicants shall provide at minimum one hundred (100) cubic feet of uncompacted soil for each street tree on the property. A maximum three (3) foot depth may be factored into the volume.
- 6.2 A permit is necessary to plant a tree in the public right of way. Information may be obtained from the Urban Forestry Program at 363-5470.
- 6.3 A street obstruction permit is necessary for work in the public right of way. Information may be obtained from the Engineering Services Department at 625-6700.

### 7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Planning Services Department shall administer this policy.

8.0 APPENDICES

None

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6/24/08

Date