

**Electric Utility Commission**  
**HERITAGE TREE ORDINANCE RECOMMENDED CHANGES**

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**Section 25-8-624 APPROVAL CRITERIA**

- (A) (3) is a hazard to life or property or the safe and efficient operations of public utility services, and the hazard cannot reasonably be mitigated without removing the tree;
- (6) for a tree located on public property or a public street or easement:
- (b) prevents the construction and maintenance of utility or drainage facilities that may not feasibly be rerouted.

**Section 25-8-642 ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE**

(A) The director of the Planning and Development Review Department may grant a variance from Section 25-8-641 (Removal Prohibited) to allow the removal of a heritage tree only after determining, based on the city arborist's recommendation, that the heritage tree:

- (2) is a hazard to life or property or the safe and efficient operations of public utility services, and the hazard cannot reasonably be mitigated without removing the tree.

**Section 25-8-621 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR REMOVAL FOR PROTECTED TREES; EXCEPTIONS.**

(D) A City Utility may without a permit, remove a Protected Tree that is an imminent hazard to life or property, and the hazard cannot reasonably be mitigated without removing the tree. The Planning and Development Review Department may request supporting evidence regarding the tree removal to verify the validity of the work. The City Utility will not be required to provide evidence regarding the tree removal to the Planning and Development Review Department in instances of widespread and extensive storm damage.

**Section 25-8-641 REMOVAL PROHIBITED**

(E) A City Utility may, without a variance, remove a heritage tree that is an imminent hazard to life or property, and the hazard cannot reasonably be mitigated without removing the tree. The Planning and Development Review Department may request supporting evidence regarding the tree removal to verify the validity of the work. The City utility will not be required to provide evidence regarding the tree removal to the Planning and Development Review Department in instances of widespread and extensive storm damage.

