



CITY OF COLUMBUS - FORESTRY DIVISION
TREE MAINTENANCE OR REMOVAL ORDER / PRIVATE TREE

Purpose:

To provide the citizens of Columbus with a realistic and reliable explanation about the status of their tree. This may include but is not limited to:

- Inspection issues found.
- Reported complaints or reported concerns.
- Recommended course of action from the City Forester.
- Time frame of action to be taken.
- Possible options for the citizen.

Inspection of Reported Tree Falls Within the 5 D's:

- 5-D Trees – trees that are a minimum of 1 (one) of the following:
 - Diseased
 - Damaged and deemed Dangerous
 - Dying
 - Dead

Trees affecting the sidewalk or sanitary sewer laterals do not fall into this category.

Public Nuisance or Private Hazard Trees – trees that have been in violation of a city tree ordinance and are on private property.

- Sec. 106-45. - Dead or diseased trees.

The city shall have the right to cause the remedy or removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the city. The Director of Public Works, City Forester or designated City Employee or authorized Representative shall notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal or corrective action shall be done by said owners at their own expense not less than 24 hours nor more than 30 days of the receipt of notice, as determined by the city forester based on the seriousness of the tree's condition, and the danger to public safety. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the city shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.

- Sec. 106-47 - Penalty.

Any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this article shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00. Each day such violation or failure to comply is permitted to exist after notification thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

- Sec. 106-47. - Enforcement.

The city forester is hereby charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of this article and may serve notice to any persons in violation thereof to institute legal proceedings as may be required and the city attorney is hereby authorized to institute appropriate proceedings to that end.

(Ord. No. 539-00, § II, 11-21-00)



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Inspected on or Date Sited: _____

Inspected by: _____

- Corrective Remedy to start no earlier than 24 hours and no later than 30 days.
- If sited as an emergency, corrective remedy to start and be completed by the following date.

Date: _____

Property Owner

Name:	Tax-Parcel #:
Address:	

Description of tree(s) ordered **removed**; (location, species, diameter, number)

Location of Property:	Diameter:
Species:	Tree Number if DNR Surveyed:

Description of Ordinance Violation and Remedy:

Description of tree(s) ordered **maintenance**; (location, species, diameter, number)

Location of Property:	Diameter:
Species:	Tree Number if DNR Surveyed:

Description of Ordinance Violation and Remedy:
