

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

..title

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and urban forestry; amending requirements for registered tree service providers; amending Sections 25.11.020 and 25.11.095 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

..body

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 25.11.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126554, is amended as follows:

"Commercial tree work" means any of the following actions conducted within the City of Seattle in exchange for financial compensation: major pruning (~~as defined in Section 15.02.046~~); removal of trees larger than 6 inches DBH; and the assessment of the health or hazard risk of trees larger than 6 inches DBH. ~~(Normal)~~ "Commercial tree work" does not mean normal and routine pruning operations that do not meet the definition of major pruning (~~are not commercial tree work~~); maintenance and removal of hedges; or maintenance of fruit trees that are cultivated for fruit production.

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"Hedge" means a line of closely-spaced trees and/or shrubs intentionally planted and/or maintained along a property boundary or landscape border for privacy, screening, safety, or similar function, which typically requires ongoing pruning or shearing to maintain its intended function and/or reasonable use of nearby developed areas.

"Inner root zone" means an area encircling the base of a tree equal to one-half (1/2) the diameter of the drip line.

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1 Section 11.14.115, used by the registered tree service provider shall clearly display the business
2 name of the tree service provider, business phone number, and City-issued tree service provider
3 registration number.

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1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2022,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of
6 _____, 2022.

7 _____
8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

10 _____
11 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

13 _____
14 Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

15 (Seal)

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