



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Tree Service Provider Registration (Council Bill 120207)

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Presentation Overview

- Summary of Council Bill (CB) 120207
- Comparison with Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) Registry
- Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' (SDCI's) implementation analysis
- Proposed amendments

Summary of CB 120207

The legislation would:

- Require that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) set up a registration system within 90 days of the effective date of the ordinance; tree service providers would then have 90 days to register with SDCI
- Define “commercial tree work” and “tree service provider”
- Require that registered tree service providers comply with best practices specific to type of commercial tree work for which they are hired
- Authorize SDCI to create rules as needed to support program administration
- Amend other sections of Title 25 to align with legislation’s intent

Comparison with SDOT's Registry

Description	SDOT	SDCI (CB 120207)
Registration Fee	None	None
WA General Contractor's License	Yes	Yes
Seattle Business License	Yes	Yes
Commercial Liability Insurance	Minimum \$1M coverage, with City as additional insured	Coverage amount to be determined by SDCI
ISA-Certified Arborist	On staff or retainer	On staff
Familiarity with City Regulations	Yes	Yes
Public Notice	14 days in advance of tree removal	3 days in advance of major pruning or tree removal
Penalty	Removal from registry for one year following two notices of violation (any); may reapply after a year	SDCI will not accept any submittal of tree-related reports until notice of violation (illegal removal of exceptional tree) is resolved

SDCI's Implementation Analysis

- Time required to develop registry and associated features: five to seven months
- Cost of implementing legislation in 2022
 - General Fund: \$146,500 to \$263,700
 - Permit fee supported: \$148,800 to \$206,500
 - Total: \$295,300 to \$470,200**
- Costs include outreach, development of the integrated technology solution, and temporary staffing to support these efforts
- Ongoing staffing and funding needs will be addressed in the 2023 Proposed Budget

Proposed Amendments

- **Substitute 1**
 - Technical and clarifying changes
 - Implementation timeline
 - Arborist on retainer option
 - Hazardous tree permit requirements
 - Penalty for violation

Proposed Amendments

- **Amendment 3:** Subdivision report requirement
- **Amendment 4:** Public notice requirements

Comparison with All Amendments

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Familiarity with City Regulations	Yes	Yes
Public Notice	14 days in advance of tree removal	3 <u>business</u> days in advance of major pruning or tree removal
Penalty	Removal from registry for one year following two notices of violation (any); may reapply after a year	SDCI will not accept any submittal of tree-related reports until notice of violation (illegal removal of exceptional tree) is resolved <u>Same as SDOT</u>

Questions?