

City Manager Authority -- the following language has been worked out with the CM:

12.04.080 City Manager to have decision-making authority for all trees on City property.

A. The City Manager has authority over the disposition of all trees located on City property and has the power to plant, maintain, or remove trees on City property. The City Manager shall give due consideration to the urban forest preservation principles embodied in this chapter, and apply the same criteria in this chapter for tree removal and tree protection decisions regarding trees on City property as are required of private persons, but such decisions are not subject to appeal to the Tree Commission. Documentation showing the application of the criteria of this chapter for tree removal and tree protection shall be available for public review and such notice shall be posted on City property in a visible location near the affected tree seven days in advance of taking action to remove or otherwise impact a tree unless a determination has been made by the City Manager that immediate action is needed.

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E. The City Manager shall manage City [publicly] owned forested areas, which are designated for protection as natural areas by resolution or open space plan, consistent with the terms of the applicable resolution or plan and [the goals of] this ordinance, except where there is a threat to public health, safety, or welfare.

Legislative Findings Equity Language -- Kacy draft language:

1212.010(G). The City's urban forest policies and tree canopy goals shall be pursued in a racially-equitable manner that takes into account [~~delete: and~~] inequities that exist in tree canopy coverage across City neighborhoods and that seeks to protect and plant trees with a focus on the health and sustainability of the urban forest as a whole to help ensure that the benefits of tree canopy are distributed equitably and that racial equity is prioritized in the development and implementation of regulations and procedures.

"Vermin" definition (12.04.010, page 4 of current draft)

"Vermin" means small animals, including insects, that are prolific and destructive or injurious to the health of people and plants.