

Tree Policy Issues

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Reason to Remove

fear of it falling
sunlight
solar energy
build a home
remodel home
build a garage
have a bigger yard
unhealthy or dead
not a nice tree
7 utilities
infiltrations trench
driveway
private road
turn around 85 ft

Trees Self-Sustaining

Property Owners like trees
They plant them on their own
Expensive to Remove
Expensive to Remove or Prune
Stump removal expensive
Many benefits of trees
Beauty
Helps drainage
Stabilizes soil
Privacy
Shade
Lowers cooling costs
Makes for nice neighborhood

City Control - Regulations - Negative Plan

permits
regulations
fines
financial guarantees
covenants
maintenance agreements
inspections
code enforcement
24/7 hotlines
neighbors calling
surveys/studies/reports
protect root zone - huge dia.
poor relationships with owners
city micromanages owners
expensive for city to administer
City becomes obstacle to plans

Property Owner Control

Built in incentive to have trees
many benefits
costly to remove
Have a good track record
Tree Canopy Report
47% in Single Family Res
51% in Med Density Res
If they remove a tree, they have a reason

Positive Plan - Property Owners Control

education
tree planting programs
share best practices
develop tree lists
how to plant
how to care for
help property owners achieve their dreams
lower cost to city
share tree canopy goal and involve community
better relationships

Make sure your solution doesn't create more problems
Test out any solutions to make sure it is practical