

Zoning Code Section 10.5.3 – Tree Preservation in Residential Zone Districts

Denver’s Tree Preservation Ordinance

10.5.3.1 Applicability - Preservation of Established Trees in Residential Primary and Side Street Setbacks

As a condition of any permit to demolish or construct any building containing a single unit dwelling, two-unit dwelling, or multi-unit dwelling in a Residential Zone District, the owner of the zone lot shall be required to preserve any established tree not otherwise diseased or decayed within the primary and side street setback areas of the zone lot.

10.5.3.2 Preservation Measures Required

In order to protect an established tree from damage or destruction and to enhance the tree’s chance of survival after construction activities on the zone lot are completed, the owner shall take and maintain throughout the course of demolition or construction the following measures:

- A. Erect and maintain temporary fencing surrounding the area beneath the tree in order to mitigate the chance of impact injuries to the tree during demolition or construction;
- B. Refrain from operating construction equipment or storing construction materials beneath the canopy of the tree or engaging in other activities that would cause the undue compaction of the soil in the tree’s root zone; and
- C. Refrain from any excavation beneath the canopy of the tree that would cause undue destruction of the tree’s roots.

10.5.3.3 Permit for Tree Removal

The owner may be relieved from the requirements of this section only upon obtaining a permit for tree removal from the City Forester according to the provisions of Sections 57-20(b) and 57-25 of the D.R.M.C.

10.5.3.4 Definition of “Established Tree”

See Article 13 for a definition of “established tree.”