



Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Programmatic Permit Pacific Power/PacifiCorp

1.0 GOALS:

- 1.1 Protect, preserve, and restore the urban forest (Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), 2004).
- 1.2 Promote stewardship of the urban forest (UFMP, 2004).
- 1.3 Prevent cumulative adverse impacts to the urban forest and ensure that there is no reduction in tree canopy coverage over time (Title 11.45).
- 1.4 Improve public safety and tree canopy health.
- 1.5 Enhance communication with the public regarding tree planting and tree pruning for utilities.

2.0 TERMS AND TIMELINE OF PERMIT:

- 2.1 **Permit duration is from the date of final signature through September 30, 2021.**
The permit must be signed and in effect before tree work is conducted.
- 2.2 Pacific Power/PacifiCorp (PacifiCorp) is the responsible party for all activities in this permit and shall ensure all staff and contractors comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- 2.3 This permit applies only to tree management activities not related to site development or development projects. Separate permits are required for tree activities related to development.
- 2.4 This permit is issued under the authority of the City Forester in compliance with the requirements of City of Portland [Title 11 Trees](#).

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK:

- 3.1 Activities shall prevent cumulative adverse impacts to the urban forest and ensure no net reduction in tree canopy coverage over time.

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3.2 Activities are limited to routine and on-going vegetation management or public safety, service reliability, fire prevention, and compliance with Oregon Public Utility Commission line clearance requirements (OAR 860-024-016, Appendix C).

3.3 Activities shall support the [2004 Urban Forest Management Plan](#) and the PacifiCorp vegetation management specification (Appendix A).

3.4 Location

Permit activity may occur in City of Portland rights-of-way along existing or proposed PacifiCorp transmission and distribution lines in the PacifiCorp service area (see Appendix B). Permit activity may also occur on City property (e.g. parks) and PacifiCorp property (e.g. substations). Permit activity may occur on private property with the express permission of the property owner.

3.5 Pruning

a. PacifiCorp staff and contractors may prune trees to assure tree to electric conductor clearances for public safety, service reliability, fire prevention, and compliance with Oregon Public Utility Commission line clearance requirements (OAR 860-024-016, Appendix C).

i. Only trees that encroach into the minimum clearance requirements stated in OAR 860-024-016 within a two year time period may be pruned.

ii. Pruning impacts shall be as minimal as possible to ensure no adverse effects to the health, structure, and survivability of the tree.

iii. For trees pruned, no more than 25% of the crown shall be removed within an annual growing season.

iv. Trees shall not be topped.

b. Pruning shall be made with proper pruning cuts and sharp tools. Pruning activities shall adhere to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) *A300 Pruning Standard – Part 1*, International Society of Arboriculture *Best Management Practices: Utility Pruning of Trees*, International Society of Arboriculture *Best Management Practices: Tree Pruning*, and ANSI *Z133 Standards for Arboricultural Operations: Safety Requirements*, including any amendments or revisions.

c. All tree debris generated by tree pruning activities shall be removed from the site or stacked neatly in the front yard for the property owner to dispose of. Streets and public rights-of-way shall be kept clear of debris.

d. Elm pruning requirements

In order to limit the spread of Dutch elm disease and comply with Oregon's state quarantine of elm wood, the following rules apply to the pruning of elm trees (*Ulmus* spp.):

i. Elm trees shall not be pruned from April 15 through October 15 annually, unless pruning is necessary for public safety.

ii. Pruning tools shall be treated with disinfectant before and after pruning individual elm trees.

- iii. All wood waste shall be chipped or taken to an approved commercial disposal site within 24 hours of cutting.

3.6 Tree Crew Training and Quality Assurance

- a. Tree crews contracted by PacifiCorp shall hire personnel through the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC). All tree workers are required to go through a two-year apprenticeship training program to advance to a Journeyman Line Clearance Arborist.
 - i. At least one member of every contract crew shall be certified as a line-clearance tree pruner, or will have a card certifying passage of an Electrical Hazards Awareness Program or equivalent.
- b. All tree pruning work shall be conducted under the direction of an experienced Certified Arborist and Certified Utility Specialist with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), or a Registered Consulting Arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA).
- c. Contractors and all personnel assigned to this work shall have the experience, required skills, training, and ANSI-approved equipment necessary to conduct the pruning work in a controlled and safe manner.
 - i. PacifiCorp and its contractors shall comply with OSHA 1910.269 and all other federal and state occupational safety and health laws and regulations governing all work done under this permit.
- d. At least one person on each tree crew shall be knowledgeable about the content of this permit before conducting tree pruning activities.

3.7 Public notice

- a. The property owner and/or occupant, or adjacent property owner in the case of street trees, shall be provided written notification at least 15 days prior to planned tree pruning and/or maintenance activities. Written notification shall also be sent to the Neighborhood Association where pruning activities will take place.
 - i. The notice shall state the following information:
 - Reason for the notice
 - The date of notice
 - The date(s) of the pruning
 - Contact information for PacifiCorp
 - The PacifiCorp logo
- b. PacifiCorp shall also reach out to customers, public or private, of special concern. Individual door hangers or individualized consultation shall occur if the customer needs specific work planning or access to their backyard is required. Notice of work shall be provided in person by an ISA Certified Arborist and Certified Utility Specialist.
 - i. The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) Watershed Revegetation Program Manager shall be contacted at least 5 days in advance of pruning trees located in stormwater management facilities.

- c. Contractors and staff shall identify themselves and the fact that they are pruning for PacifiCorp either through signs displayed on each vehicle involved in tree work or verbally when requested by the public. Contractors shall provide contact information for their company and for PacifiCorp to the public upon request.
- d. PacifiCorp shall respond to all concerns and complaints about PacifiCorp' and their contractors' pruning activities in a timely manner.
 - i. Customers may be directed to PacifiCorp' Vegetation Management Supervisor at 503-280-2764 to discuss any issues or concerns regarding PacifiCorp' line clearance work.

3.8 Removal

- a. Unregulated trees
 - i. Trees in the City right-of-way (i.e. street trees) that are sucker shoots or self-sown trees less than 1/2 inch DBH (diameter at breast height; the diameter of the trunk measured at 4.5 feet above the ground) are not regulated and therefore may be removed without prior notice to Urban Forestry, reporting, or mitigation.
 - ii. Trees on City property (i.e. City trees) of any size are regulated.
 - iii. Trees on private property that are less than 12 inches DBH are not regulated and therefore may be removed without prior notice to Urban Forestry, reporting, or mitigation, unless they were required to be planted as the condition of a permit or otherwise specified in 3.7.a.ii.a below.
 - a. The regulatory threshold for tree removal on private property decreases to 6 inches DBH for trees located in the following plan districts and/or overlay zones:
 - Plan districts: Cascade Station/Portland International Center Plan District; Columbia South Shore Plan District; Johnson Creek Basin Plan District; Portland International Airport Plan District; Rocky Butte Plan District; South Auditorium Plan District
 - Overlay zones: Environmental (c, p); Greenway (n, q, g, i, r); Pleasant Valley Natural Resources (v); Scenic Resource (s)
 - b. The property owner's permission should be obtained via signature before removing any tree on private property.
- b. Dangerous trees
 - i. As per Title 11.80.020, a dangerous tree presents a foreseeable danger of inflicting damage that cannot be alleviated by treatment or pruning. A tree may be dangerous because it is likely to injure people or damage vehicles, structures, or development, such as sidewalks or utilities.
 - ii. Removal of a dangerous tree shall be conducted as follows, as per Title 11.40.020.D:
 - a. When PacificCorp discovers that a dangerous street tree exists in the right-of-way, PacificCorp shall immediately notify Urban Forestry by calling 503-823-TREE (8733).

- i. City Forester may approve removal of dangerous trees on a case-by-case basis. The City Forester may approve or deny the removal request or approve the removal with conditions.
 - b. Emergency tree removal. If the condition or location of a tree presents such a clear and present danger to a structure or the public that there is insufficient time to obtain advance approval of the City Forester, the hazardous portion of the tree may be removed without first obtaining approval from the City Forester.
 - i. Within seven days of an emergency tree removal, PacificCorp shall provide notification and documentation to the City Forester on the Inspection Request Form (Appendix H) provided by Urban Forestry. Upon submittal to the City Forester, the Inspection Request Form shall accompany photographs or other documentation that prove that the tree was dangerous. The City Forester will evaluate the information to determine whether the tree was dangerous. Failure to provide information documenting the emergency nature of the event may be pursued as a violation per Title 11.70.
 - ii. PacificCorp shall notify the property owner or adjacent property owner of the need to get a permit from Urban Forestry to replace the removed tree.
 - iii. PacificCorp must notify the adjacent property owner of the need to remove dangerous trees in accordance with ORS 758.282-284
 - c. Non-dangerous trees
 - i. Street and City trees
 - a. Infill trees, i.e. self-sown trees that were not deliberately planted, that are on the [Portland Plant List's Nuisance Plants List](#) and 2 inches DBH or smaller may be removed without prior notice to Urban Forestry, reporting, or mitigation.
 - b. The City Forester may approve the removal of other non-dangerous street and City trees on a case-by-case basis. Removal may be granted if the tree was planted inappropriately underneath electric conductors and requires frequent, severe pruning. Removal shall be requested at least 4 weeks in advance of the anticipated removal timeframe. The City Forester may approve or deny the removal request or approve the removal with conditions. Mitigation (see 3.7.e) and reporting (see 3.7.f) requirements apply.
 - ii. Private property trees
 - a. PacificCorp shall obtain property owner permission, via signature, to remove the tree prior to removing any regulated trees on private property.
 - b. The City Forester may approve the removal of non-dangerous, regulated private property trees (see 3.7.a.iii) on a case-by-case basis. Removal may be granted if the tree was planted inappropriately underneath electric conductors and requires frequent,

severe pruning. Removal shall be requested at least 4 weeks in advance of the anticipated removal timeframe. The City Forester may approve or deny the removal request or approve the removal with conditions. Mitigation (see 3.7.e) and reporting (see 3.7.f) requirements apply.

iii. Zoning code exemption requirements

- a. The zoning of the property (or adjacent property, for street trees) shall be checked before any non-dangerous tree is removed. See Appendix D for a map of the overlay zones and plan districts within the PacifiCorp service area. Detailed zoning information can be found on Portland Maps at www.portlandmaps.com -> maps -> zoning.
- b. Trees located in the following plan districts and overlay zones shall meet zoning exemptions for removal, or else a zoning code review from the Bureau of Development Services (503-823-7526) shall be obtained prior to removal.
 - Plan districts: Cascade Station/Portland International Center Plan district; Columbia South Shore Plan District; Johnson Creek Basin Plan District; Portland International Airport Plan District; Rocky Butte Plan District; South Auditorium Plan District
 - Overlay zones: Environmental (c, p); Greenway (n, q, g, i, r); Pleasant Valley Natural Resources (v); Scenic Resource (s)
- c. Zoning code exemption requirements are detailed in Title 11 Table 40-1 (Appendix E). Generally, a zoning code review is required for the removal of healthy native trees. However, some plan districts and overlay zones require a zoning code review for certain non-native, non-nuisance tree removals. The City Forester can help determine whether exemption requirements are met or whether a zoning code review is necessary.

d. Debris

- i. All tree debris generated by tree removal activities shall be removed from the site or stacked neatly for the property owner or adjacent property owner to dispose of. Streets and public rights-of-way shall be kept clear of debris.

e. Public notice

- i. The public shall be notified at least two weeks in advance of the impending removal of healthy (i.e. not dead, dying, or dangerous), non-nuisance trees 20 inches DBH or greater by posting a sign on or near the tree, in a location visible to public passersby.
- ii. The sign shall state when and why the tree is being removed, it is a permitted tree removal, how the removal is being mitigated, and contact information for the PacifiCorp representative the public can contact regarding the removal.

f. Mitigation

- i. Title 11.45.040.A. requires activities conducted under a Programmatic Permit will result in a net gain to urban forest functions and benefits.
- ii. To comply with this condition, trees that are removed under this permit shall be mitigated as follows:

- a. Dead, dying, or dangerous trees removed shall be mitigated tree-for-tree.
- b. Up to four healthy trees removed per site, or abutting right of way per year:

Removed Tree DBH	Street and City Tree Mitigation	Private Tree Mitigation
> 12"	Tree-for-tree	No mitigation required
12" - > 20"	Tree-for-tree	Tree-for-tree
20" or greater	Inch-for-inch	Inch-for-inch

- c. More than four healthy trees removed per site, or abutting the right of way per year:

Removed Tree DBH	Street and City Tree Mitigation	Private Tree Mitigation
> 12"	Tree-for-tree	No mitigation required
12" or greater	Inch-for-inch	Inch-for-inch

- iii. PacificCorp shall submit a planting plan to the City Forester for approval prior to planting.
- iv. Mitigation trees shall be planted by the next planting season (October to April) immediately following removal.
- v. Mitigation trees shall be planted on the same site as the removed tree wherever possible. When onsite mitigation is not possible, PacificCorp shall document the reason in their annual quantitative report and shall instead plant mitigation trees within the same watershed.
- vi. Trees planted for mitigation shall be monitored and guaranteed for three years and replaced in kind if they die within this timeframe.
- vii. Mitigation unable to be met by tree planting shall be paid into the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund. Payment for each tree to be mitigated shall be the Fee in Lieu of Planting and Establishment for two inches per [Title 11 Trees Permit Fee Schedule](#). Mitigation payment shall be completed by the expiration of the permit.

g. Reporting

- i. The number, species, and DBH of trees removed under this permit shall be reported, as well as the condition of the trees, reason for removal, and type of mitigation.
- ii. The amount of money paid to the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund shall be reported.
- iii. The number, species, stock size, and location of trees planted as mitigation shall be reported.

3.9 Planting

- a. Planting activities shall adhere to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 *Planting and Transplanting Standards* and International Society of Arboriculture *Best Management Practices: Tree Planting*.
- b. The locations of trees planted in the City right-of-way (i.e. street trees) shall be approved by the City Forester.
- c. Species selection
 - i. Street trees (trees in the City right-of-way) selected for planting shall be selected from the City's Approved Street Tree Planting Lists (www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/plantinglists) or approved by the City Forester.
 - ii. Trees planted under high-voltage power lines should be medium-sized trees that can fully develop and mature to provide long-term leaf surface area under power line conductors, supporting the concept of "right tree, right place." Trees planted under high-voltage power lines should be able to maintain their natural form without pruning away from high-voltage wires.
 - iii. Tree species selected for planting in environmental (c, p) or scenic (s) overlay zones shall be chosen from the Portland Plant List's Native Plants List.
 - iv. Trees on the Portland Plant List's Nuisance Plants List shall not be planted.
 - v. Species diversity requirements for trees planted
 - a. When planting fewer than 8 trees per calendar year, they may all be the same species.
 - b. When planting between 8 and 24 trees per calendar year, no more than 40 percent of the total planted shall be of one species.
 - c. When planting more than 24 trees per calendar year, no more than 24 percent of the total planted shall be of one species.
- d. Trees shall be a minimum of 2 inches caliper for broadleaf trees or at least 5 feet in height for coniferous trees at the time of planting.
- e. Plantings shall be monitored for establishment and guaranteed for three years, and replaced in kind if they fail within this timeframe.
- f. The number, species, stock size, and location of trees planted shall be reported.

4.0 COMMUNICATION:

- 4.1 PacifiCorp shall maintain accurate permit contact information with Urban Forestry.

4.2 **PacifiCorp contact and representative**

Heather Housholder, Utility Forester
Address: 7544 NE 33rd Dr., Portland OR 97211
Phone: 503-280-2764
Email: Heather.housholder@pacificorp.com

4.3 PacifiCorp shall provide the City Forester written notification to trees@portlandoregon.gov of planned tree pruning locations and contractors at least 15 days prior to the activities. The notification shall include:

- Contractor company name
- Contractor business license number
- Contractor phone number, email address, and mailing address
- Map of pruning area
- Start and end dates of pruning the area

5.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND REPORTING:

5.1 **Reporting**

Qualitative and quantitative reports shall be sent to Urban Forestry once per fiscal year for the duration of the permit on forms provided by Urban Forestry (see Appendix F and Appendix G). The completed forms shall be received no later than one month after the reporting period. Failure to submit reports may result in suspension of current programmatic permit or delayed issuance of future programmatic permits until the report is submitted.

a. Reporting periods:

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 report due by: August 1, 2020

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 report due by: August 1, 2021

5.2 **Inspections**

Urban Forestry may inspect the trees to determine compliance with the conditions of the permit.

5.3 **Compliance**

It is the permit holder's responsibility to adhere to the terms of the permit. If the terms of the permit are not met, the permit holder shall be notified of the violation in writing and informed of the actions necessary to correct the violation(s). If the corrective actions are not undertaken within the specified timeframe, Urban Forestry may impose any or all of the following actions until the violation is corrected:

- Temporary stop work order
- Revocation of the Programmatic Permit
- Denial of future Programmatic Permits
- Additional conditions imposed upon the activities permitted by the Programmatic Permit
- Enforcement penalties
- Civil penalties up to \$1000 per tree per day of violation
- Restoration fees imposed for trees found in violation.

a. Fees shall follow the adopted Title 11 fee schedule at www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/fees.

5.4 Revisions

Urban Forestry may modify the specifications of the permit in order to respond to concerns, changes in regulations, or previously unforeseen issues. The permittee shall be notified at least three weeks in advance in writing of the intent to modify the permit and shall be provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. The permittee shall also have an opportunity to appeal the permit if changes are made. Changes shall not go into effect until the permit is updated in writing.

6.0 INDEMNITY:

PacifiCorp shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the City of Portland, and the City's officers, agents, and employees against all claims, demands, actions, and suits (including all attorney's fees and cost, through trial and on appeal) brought against any of them arising from activities under this permit.

7.0 RESOURCES:

ANSI A300 (Part 1)-2008 Pruning: Tree Care Operations: Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Management: Standard Practices (Pruning). Revision of ANSI A300 (Part 1)-2001. 2008. American National Standards Institute, Washington, DC.

ANSI A300 (Part 6)-2012: Tree Care Operations: Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Management: Standard Practices (Planting and Transplanting). Revision of ANSI A300 (Part 6)-2005. 2012. American National

ANSI Z133-2012 for Arboricultural Operations: Safety Requirements. 2012. American National Standards Institute, Washington, DC.

Gilman, Edward and Sharon Lilly. *Best Management Practices: Tree Pruning, Second Edition*. 2008. International Society of Arboriculture, Champaign, Il.

Kempter, Geoffrey. *Best Management Practices: Utility Pruning of Trees: Special companion publication to the ANSI A300 Part 1: Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Maintenance—Standard Practices, Pruning*. 2004. International Society of Arboriculture, Champaign, Il.

Watson, Gary. *Best Management Practices: Tree Planting, Second Edition*. 2014. International Society of Arboriculture, Champaign, Il.

8.0 APPENDICES:

Appendix A – PacifiCorp vegetation management specification 2014

Appendix B – PacifiCorp service area map

Appendix C – OAR 860.024

Appendix D – Regulated overlay zones and plan districts in the PacifiCorp service area

Appendix E – Title 11.40

Appendix F – Qualitative report template

Appendix G – Quantitative report template

Appendix H – Inspection Request Form

9.0 SIGNATURE:

By: _____
City Forester

Date: _____