

On September 3, 2024, the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring property owners to remove or address dead trees located on their property. Following the adoption of this ordinance, postcards were mailed to all residents requesting voluntary compliance. While many residents have taken action, some properties remain out of compliance.

The City Council has now directed staff to begin enforcement. In certain cases where a dead tree encroaches on public property, the City may remove the tree and place a lien on the property to recover associated costs.

Beginning **September 1, 2025**, Code Enforcement staff will actively patrol neighborhoods and issue citations for dead trees on private property. Property owners are strongly encouraged to address these issues before that date to avoid enforcement actions.

We also remind all residents that heavy rain can cause tree limbs to sag over the roadway. Low-hanging limbs can obstruct the right-of-way, delaying or even preventing emergency vehicles from responding to calls.

According to Section 403.2.1 of the Fire Code:

- Fire apparatus access roads must maintain an unobstructed width of at least 20 feet (26 feet when a fire hydrant is present).
- A minimum unobstructed vertical clearance of 14 feet must be maintained at all times.
- Any security gates must meet these width requirements.

While patrolling for dead trees, Code Enforcement will also be addressing low-hanging limbs that encroach into required clearances.

Reminder: The next scheduled brush pickup will take place during the **second week of September**. Residents are encouraged to plan accordingly.

