



Asset Services Information Sheet 6

Protection of Street Trees

Introduction

The portion of land between a property boundary and the carriageway or road is referred to as the verge. Property owners and developers are responsible for ensuring that the Street Trees in the verge area are protected from damage as a result of activity on the lot directly adjacent to the verge.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*, the *Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2010* a permit is required should any works be undertaken on the verge.

Street Trees contribute to the amenity, aesthetics and sense of place for the residents of the Town and the long-term health of a street tree can be adversely affected during a development process by various means.

It is an offence under the under the Local Government Act (Uniform Local Provisions Regulations 1996), Schedule 9.1 Clause 2 to damage or remove any street tree and an offender shall be prosecuted accordingly.

To ensure that street trees are suitably protected during development of an adjacent lot, the owner / developer shall ensure that the information requested below is included in the detailed drawings and specifications and that all contractors are aware of their obligations to protect the street trees.

Non-compliance with the provision of the requested information in the detailed drawings, specifications or provision of the survey drawings shall result in a refusal of the application until such time as the information has been provided.

Street Tree Protection

The land owner/developer is to implement the following to protect the Councils street tree from any unnecessary damages occurring:

- All street trees shall be protected prior to and during construction in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.
- To protect the tree during the development phase, the Town may request the owner/ developer provide at their cost, an approved independent suitably qualified arborist report to guide the management practices and supplementary Street Tree watering requirements during the development.
- Building materials or debris shall not to be placed or stored under the tree canopy;

- A temporary barricade to be erected at the outer canopy of the tree to protect the root zone and tree during development. Barricade fencing shall be accordance to Regulations 3.75 of the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations 1996.
- Vehicles are not permitted to park on the verge area under the tree canopy during development;
- The use of appropriate sized machinery is to occur so that contact with the upper canopy of a street tree does not occur at any time.
- All building contractors utilised on the development are to be aware of the importance of protecting the Council's street tree, and that any damages occurring to the tree, wilful or otherwise will be subject to prosecution under the Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions Regulations 1996), Schedule 9.1 Clause 2.

STREET TREE PROTECTION

Check List and Permit Application Form is available on our website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

STREET TREE PROTECTION

Check List and Permit Application Form

(Requirement for all Building Applications)

Contact details and location of proposed development

Name of Property Owner:

Address:

Telephone (Hm):(Mb):

Builder :

Builder telephone (Hm):(Mb):

Address of proposed development:

Street Tree Protection - required information

Note: Non-compliance with the provision of the requested information in the detailed drawings, specifications or provision of the survey drawings shall result in a refusal of the application until such time as the information has been provided

Any inaccuracy of the survey plans shall not be considered justification for removal of the Town's Street tree (s) in the event that their positions are incorrectly shown.

Please (✓) tick to indicate if street tree(s) are located on verge adjacent to the proposed development

Yes NO

If no street tree(s) located on verge adjacent to proposed development, ensure that the detailed survey drawing and proposed crossover site plans have statement to that effect

If yes, please (✓) tick to indicate the building application provides the following information is included in the detailed survey drawing and proposed crossover site plans:

Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates of all existing trees on the verge adjacent to the proposed development.

Species of all existing trees on the verge adjacent to the proposed development.

Height and width of all existing trees on the verge adjacent to the proposed development.

Girth (circumference) of tree trunk at height 1.0 metres above natural ground surface.

Photographic record of all existing trees on the verge adjacent to the proposed development cross reference to the Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates

Driveways and/or crossovers should be located a minimum of 1.0 metre away from the street tree(s).

Detailed Drawings and Specifications includes the Street Tree Protection requirements as outlined above.

That all contractors/ sub-contractors shall protect the street trees (s) root zone area and canopy mass from damage.

Temporary barricade fence shall be in place in accordance to Regulation 3.75 of the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations 1996 prior to building permit being granted.

Please refer to www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/ General Information Sheets to obtain application forms for the following:

- * "Significant Tree Protection" - *guidelines for the identification, protection and management*
- * "Permissible Verge Treatments" - *landscape requirements and application form.*
- * "Crossovers" – *constructed in accordance to Town's specifications*
- * "Availability of Mulch" - *Free mulch during specified time frames or pay for delivery.*

Other (please specify)

Non-compliance with the provision of the above application forms and survey drawings shall result in a refusal of the application until such time as the information has been provided

I/we, agree to protect the existing street trees in accordance to Council Tree Protection Policy and the approved building licence.

Applicant (s) Name

Applicant/s Signature

Date:

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Please (✓) tick to indicate action taken:

Street Tree inspection Completed

Listed in Significant Tree Register Yes No

Considering building application, determine if owner and or developer is to required to provide an approved independent suitably qualified arborist report to guide the Street Tree management practices during the development.

Arborist report Required Not Required

Additional Street Tree (s) Required Not Required to be planted **in accordance to Street Tree Master Plan**

Application Conditional approved Refused

NB: All street trees shall be protected prior to and during construction in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Tree Protection Bond Required Not Required

Estimate based on Amenity Tree Evaluation Policy \$

Comments:

Officer Title : Date: