

CITY OF VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA



STREET TREE BY-LAW NO. 5985

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(Consolidated for convenience only
to January 29, 2013)

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**A By-law to regulate trees on
boulevards within City streets**

**[Consolidated for convenience only,
amended to include By-law No. 10642,
effective January 29, 2013]**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This By-law may be referred to as the "Street Tree By-law".
2. In this By-law and unless the context otherwise requires, the following definition shall apply:
 - (a) Boulevard means
 - (i) on a street with curbs, the portion of the street between the outside curb and the adjoining property line; and
 - (ii) on a street without curbs, the portion of the street between the roadway shoulder and adjoining property line; and
 - (iii) on a street where traffic is segregated by means of a median, includes the median.
 - (b) City Engineer means the City Engineer of the City for the time being;
 - (c) General Manager means the general manager appointed as such by the Board of Parks and Recreation;
 - (d) Street Tree means any tree located in the boulevard of any City street.
3. All trees located in any boulevard of the City shall be deemed to be the property of the City, and the care, custody and control of such street trees shall be with the Board of Parks and Recreation.
4. No person other than the Board of Parks and Recreation shall plant any tree in any boulevard without first having obtained the written permission of the City Engineer.
5. The General Manager shall not permit the planting of any tree in a boulevard except in compliance with standards set by the City Engineer and the General Manager.
6. No person shall remove, destroy, cut, deface, trim or in any way injure, impair or interfere with any street tree except as expressly authorized to do so by the Board of Parks and Recreation or, in the case of cutting or trimming, if carried out by a

qualified private tree company which holds a valid permit therefor from the Board of Parks and Recreation.

7. No person shall place any building material or other similar thing against a street tree without first installing a proper guard to prevent injury to the tree.

8. No person shall attach a wire, rope, nail, poster, or any contrivance to any street tree.

9. The General Manager may remove from any street tree any wire, rope, nail, poster, or any contrivance that may, in the General Manager's opinion, damage the tree.

10. The Board of Parks and Recreation may destroy, remove, transplant or otherwise dispose of any street tree or shrub on any boulevard:

- (a) if, in the opinion of the General Manager, such tree or shrub constitutes a hazard to life or property and is a public nuisance; or
- (b) if such tree or shrub is infected by disease or injurious insects; or
- (c) if, in the opinion of the General Manager, such tree or shrub is planted so close to another tree that it impedes the proper growth of the other tree; or
- (d) for any other good reason which the General Manager or the City Engineer may deem proper.

11. Every person who violates any provision of this By-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this By-law.

12. Every person who commits an offence against this By-law is liable to a fine and penalty of not more than \$10,000.00 and not less than \$250.00 for each offence.

13. By-law No. 940 is repealed.

14. This By-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its passing.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 8th day of April, 1986.

(signed) "Michael Harcourt"
Mayor

(signed) "Maria Kinsella"
Deputy City Clerk