

CHAPTER 18 – PARKS AND RECREATION

Sec. 18-51. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings/definitions ascribed to them, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

City means the City of Peoria, Maricopa County, Arizona and/or the City Manager and the Community Services Department (Parks Division).

City Arborist means an (existing) employee of the City designated by the Director of the Community Services Department. The City Arborist shall be a Certified Arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture. The City Arborist shall serve without any additional compensation other than their current salary.

City Arborist Duties and Responsibilities means to study, investigate, council and develop and/or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of Street and Park Trees. Such plan will be presented annually to the Community Services Director, or his/her designee. The City Arborist, when requested by the Community Services Director, shall consider, investigate, make finding, report and recommend upon any special matter of question coming within the scope of his/her work.

Park Trees means shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation, whose individual or combined trunks measure greater than 14” in circumferences at 4’ 6” above the natural grade, in public parks and all areas owned by the City, or to which the public has free access as a park.

Street Trees means shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation, whose individual or combined trunks measure greater than 14” in circumferences at 4’ 6” above the natural grade, on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or right of ways within the City and where the landscaping is maintained by the City.

Street Tree Species means acceptable street tree species for the City.

Topping means the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter within the tree’s crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree.

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