



## Parks & Recreation

# Memo

To: Robert Kuntz, City Administrator

From: Linda Bruer, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: July 10, 2014

RE: Recommended Street Tree Ordinance Change

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It has been brought to my attention that the current city ordinance that protects street trees from being removed by the public without permission does not address trimming. As you know the city had an incident recently involving damage to street trees as a result of unconventional pruning practices. Staff is recommending the following changes be made to the current ordinance.

Ballwin Code of Ordinances Chapter 29-1 (j)

Currently reads, "It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to remove a street tree from a public right-of-way without first obtaining the written permission of the director of parks and recreation or the tree board. Failure to obtain such written permission prior to the removal of a street tree from a public right-of-way shall be a violation of this chapter."

Recommended change to read, "It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to remove, prune, or otherwise damage any street or park tree without first obtaining the written permission of the director of parks and recreation, tree board, or their designee. Failure to obtain such written permission prior to the pruning or removal of a street or park tree shall be a violation of this chapter."

Staff plans to educate the public with regard to the street tree ordinance and city tree services to help alleviate future conflicts. If you have any questions or need more information, please let me know.