TREE PROTECTION ZONE (TPZ)

The Tree Protection Zone is an arborist defined area surrounding the trunk intended to protect the roots and soil to ensure future tree health and safety.

The location of the Tree Protection Zone is at the edge of the Critical Root Zone OR Drip Line, whichever is greater, or area as defined by the project’s arborist.

For Critical Root Zone and Drip Line measurements see TREE PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION STANDARD PLAN NO. LS-08.

TREE PROTECTION FENCING

1. Erect readily visible six-foot (6'-0") high chain link fencing at the edge of the Tree Protection Zone, and at the boundary of any open space tracts or conservation easements that abut the construction site except where, due to space restrictions, a specific distance is specified by the project’s arborist.

2. Fencing shall be secured 6 foot metal posts with movable footings located above ground. metal posts shall not be more than 10 feet apart.

3. Fencing shall be flush with the initial undisturbed grade.

4. Signs shall be attached to the fencing stating that the tree is designated for protection and the area inside the fencing is a TPZ, which is not to be disturbed unless prior approval has been obtained from the city and/or the project’s arborist.

5. Maintain the fencing in place until the city authorizes removal or a final certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever occurs first.

6. Ensure that any landscaping done in the TPZ, subsequent to the removal of the fencing, shall be accomplished with light machinery or hand labor.

7. No construction activity shall occur within the TPZ, including but not limited to: -Dumping or storage of materials such as building supplies, soil, waste items, and -storage of vehicles or equipment

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