

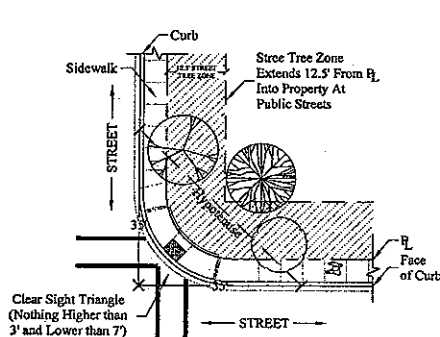
## Clearance Pruning Procedures for Vegetation Encroaching into City Maintained Right-of-Way

The City of Folsom strives to keep the path of travel clear and unobstructed for the traveling public, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and access to businesses. The sidewalks, streets, and commercial drive lanes in parking lots must be safely maintained and accessible to emergency, service, and other standard height vehicles. If tree(s), shrubs, vines, or other plants (vegetation) that are on private property have been found to encroach into this area, the City requires that these obstructions be removed.

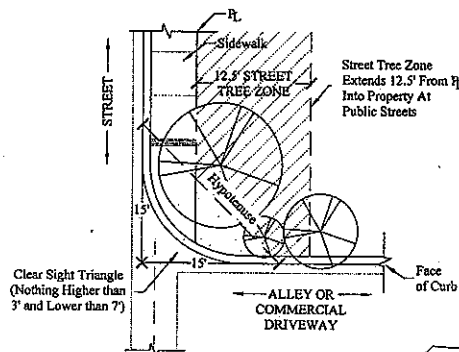
The vegetation must be pruned properly to conform with the required height restrictions, as shown below. If an official Notice to Correct Violation(s) is given, then the property owners need to have the site re-inspected for conformance by the allotted time frame on the Notice. If the work is not completed in a timely manner, the City of Folsom will complete the required clearance pruning and charge the property owner(s) for the required clearance pruning.

The pruning charge will vary for the work that is required to comply with the Notice to Correct Violation(s). The minimum charge is \$300.00, which includes, but is not limited to: inspection, mobilization of the work crew and equipment, potential completion of the required work, discard the materials, and necessary paperwork.

The pruning work will be completed only for compliance with the clearance requirements in your Notice to Correct Violation(s) and may not be to your aesthetical expectations or meant to be arboricultural care for your tree(s). If you are looking for complete tree care and to comply with this Notice, you may want to contract with a qualified tree care professional to complete the pruning before the City commences the tree care work. For additional information, contact Ken Menzer, City Arborist at 355-7281 or 220-3016 or [kmenzer@folsom.ca.us](mailto:kmenzer@folsom.ca.us)



**FIGURE A**

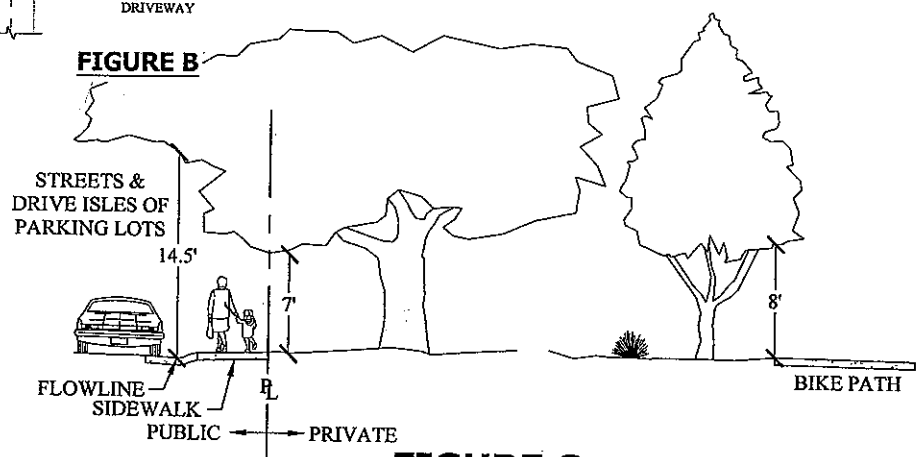


**FIGURE B**

### **Keep the Vertical Distances Clear**

- ☒ Within the sight triangle:
  - ☒ do not plant trees
  - ☒ nothing higher than 3'
  - ☒ nothing lower than 7'
- ☒ 14.5' over street & drive isles of parking lots
- ☒ 8' over bike paths
- ☒ 7' over public pedestrian sidewalks

The pruning materials can be placed in your "Green Waste" container or picked up at your curb for **FREE**, but only by **appointment** with bulky waste collection by the Folsom Solid Waste Division. Call: 355-8367 for details or at web site: [NeighborhoodCleanup@Folsom.ca.us](mailto:NeighborhoodCleanup@Folsom.ca.us)



**FIGURE C**

## **Tree Preservation Information**

Many trees are protected in Folsom and may require a Tree Permit to work in the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) around a Protected Tree or to do tree care work on the tree(s) or to remove the tree(s). Trees are protected by: species, location, size, Landmark Tree status, Conditions of Approval, or required parking lot shade.

In general, protected trees include: native oaks over 6" in diameter (measured at 4'-6" above grade), "street trees" that are within 12'-6" (12.5') of the property line and next to a public street, and trees in or near a parking lot with 5 or more spaces.

If protected trees are to be pruned, any cuts 2" in diameter or larger requires a Tree Permit. Making a cut 2" or greater on a protected native oak must be done by an ISA Certified Arborist. Tree Permits are inexpensive as compared to potential fines, fees, and mitigation. Violating the Tree Preservation Ordinance may result in fines and penalties under Chapter 12.16 of the Folsom Municipal Code.