

## THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 9 CHAPTER 9.08.062 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED "PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE -  
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL AND PRUNING OF TREES"

No. 2023-9

*\*As amended in Committee 4/13/2023**Passed:**April 24, 2023*

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*/s/ Jessica M. Marino, Council President**Approved:**April 27, 2023*

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*/s/ Kenneth J. Hopkins, Mayor**It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:***Section 1. Title 9 Chapter 9.08.062** is hereby amended by adding the following:**9.08.062 Notice requirements for removal and pruning of trees**

Unless the tree or shrub constitutes an imminent public hazard, the tree warden shall give ten (10) days' notice of the removal or pruning of trees located on public rights of way. Notice shall be posted in the immediate vicinity of the tree or shrub to be removed or pruned. Notice on the tree ~~\*should~~ **\*shall** indicate ~~\*the date of notice, the date, time and location of public hearing and the city's tree warden telephone number and email.~~ **\*the email and mailing address of the Tree Warden, the deadline for written objections, if no written objections, there will be no hearing.** If any person, firm, or corporation objects to the removal or pruning of the tree or shrub, he or she may appeal to the tree warden, in writing. The tree warden shall hold a public hearing and give reasonable notice **\*by email or if no email, by regular mail, of the date, time and location** to all those persons ~~\*who are known to be of interest and suitable notice of said meeting must be posted in the immediate vicinity.~~ **\*firms, corporations objecting in writing within the time prescribed,** Within ~~three~~ seven days of the hearing, the tree warden shall render his or her decision granting or denying the appeal and notify **\*all those persons, firms, corporations having objected in writing of said final decision of the Tree Warden.** ~~\*persons who are known to be of interest and provide Cranston City Council members with a list of the city trees to be removed, the location of the tree, and reasoning for the final decision at the next Cranston City Council Public Works Committee meeting.~~ **\*At the City Council Public Works Committee meeting each month, the Tree Warden shall provide a list of trees removed, identifying the location of each tree removed.**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the property owner of the responsibility to maintain trees on his or her property.

Nor shall this section be construed to change or otherwise designate the area of the city's responsibility for tree maintenance.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

Positive Endorsement:

Negative Endorsement: (Attach reasons)

<u>April 24, 2024</u>		<u></u>	
/s/ John Verdecchia, Asst. City Solicitor	Date	City Solicitor	Date

Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas, Councilman Donegan, and Council President Marino

Referred to Ordinance Committee on March 16, 2023