City Tree Fines Survey

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Should San Leandro update our existing Code for tree fines and include replacement tree fees for illegal alteration or removal of City trees?

Summary Of Responses

As of February 19, 2019, 10:17 AM, this forum had:		Topic Start
Attendees:	175	January 29, 2019, 4:09 PM
Responses:	122	
Hours of Public Comment:	6.1	

QUESTION 1

Should the City of San Leandro increase fines for illegal tree altering or removal?

	%	Count
Yes, the current $100 fine does not deter people from illegally tampering with City trees including trimming or removal.	54.1%	66
No, the existing $100 fine is enough to deter people from illegally tampering with City trees including trimming or removal.	41.8%	51
I am indifferent about City trees.	4.1%	5

QUESTION 2

If you answered yes above for increasing the existing fine, what should be the new fee for illegal tree altering or removal?

	%	Count
$250 fine per tree	25.4%	17
$500 fine per tree	31.3%	21
$750 fine per tree	9.0%	6
$1,000 fine per tree (maximum allowed per state law for a misdemeanor)	34.3%	23

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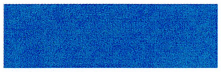
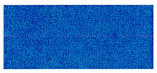
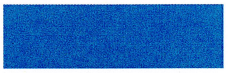
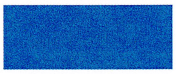
QUESTION 3

In addition to the fine, should the City of San Leandro charge the resident the value of replacing the tree that was illegally altered or removed?

		%	Count
Yes		54.9%	67
No		38.5%	47
I don't know		6.6%	8

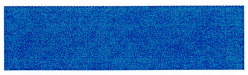
QUESTION 4

If you answered yes above for charging residents for the replacement costs of a tree, should there be a maximum replacement amount? Valuation is based on the International Arboriculture Society's evaluation and formula for each tree.

		%	Count
Yes -- if so, please see next question for suggested maximum replacement value		56.6%	69
No -- the fine should be enough and no replacement cost should be charged		43.4%	53

QUESTION 5

If the City were to charge replacement costs of an illegally removed or altered tree, what should be the maximum replacement cost, regardless of size or age of the tree?

		%	Count
$1,000		61.7%	50
$2,500		14.8%	12
$5,000		11.1%	9
$10,000		12.3%	10

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QUESTION 6

Please write any additional comments or suggestions below.

Answered	68
Skipped	54

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Should the City of San Leandro increase fines for illegal tree altering or removal?

- Yes, the current $100 fine does not deter people from illegally tampering with City trees including trimming or removal.
- No, the existing $100 fine is enough to deter people from illegally tampering with City trees including trimming or removal.
- I am indifferent about City trees.

QUESTION 2

If you answered yes above for increasing the existing fine, what should be the new fee for illegal tree altering or removal?

- $250 fine per tree
- $500 fine per tree
- $750 fine per tree
- $1,000 fine per tree (maximum allowed per state law for a misdemeanor)

QUESTION 3

In addition to the fine, should the City of San Leandro charge the resident the value of replacing the tree that was illegally altered or removed?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

QUESTION 4

If you answered yes above for charging residents for the replacement costs of a tree, should there be a maximum replacement amount? Valuation is based on the International Arboriculture Society's evaluation and formula for each tree.

- Yes -- if so, please see next question for suggested maximum replacement value
- No -- the fine should be enough and no replacement cost should be charged

QUESTION 5

If the City were to charge replacement costs of an illegally removed or altered tree, what should be the maximum replacement cost, regardless of size or age of the tree?

- $1,000
- $2,500
- $5,000
- $10,000

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