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## **Seattle DOT's Urban Forestry Section To Open Proposed *Street Tree Manual* For Public Comment**

The Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) Urban Forestry section is about to open the proposed *Street Tree Manual* for public comment. This will serve as the Director's Rule providing requirements for the recently updated the section of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC Title 15.43) relating to Trees and Vegetation.

It is SDOT's hope that the *Manual* will improve the quality of tree care in Seattle and will help preserve the City's valuable tree resource. One of the newest aspects of the Street Tree Ordinance and *Manual* is that they clarify prohibited acts and associated penalties, which is important to note since SDOT has started to enforce the code using both citations for permit violations and Notice of Violations for code violations involving damage to the City's street trees.

The public comment period will be open from October 17, 2014 through October 31, 2014. Therefore, interested individuals are encouraged to review and provide feedback on the proposed *Street Tree Manual*. You can find it online at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/drules.htm>. Hard copies are available at SDOT's Street Use & Urban Forestry permit counter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower (700 Fifth Ave, #2300, Seattle, Washington 98124).

If you have questions or comments, please contact SDOT at (206) 684-TREE (8733) or [seattle.trees@seattle.gov](mailto:seattle.trees@seattle.gov).

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