



**Tree Protection Bylaw Changes
Municipal Ticketing Bylaw Changes**

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Purpose:

This bulletin outlines the amendments made to the Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057 (2006) and the Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 7321 (2002) approved by City of Richmond Council at the September 24 and October 9, 2007 meetings. These amendments relate to replacement trees, penalties and ticketing.

Changes to Tree Protection Bylaw 8057:

1. **Schedule A** regarding replacement trees:
The requirements for replacement tree sizes have been amended:
 - A. For tree removals not related to demolition or construction on parcels containing a one-family dwelling, the size requirement for the replacement tree is either a 2 m (6.5 ft.) high conifer tree or a 6 cm (2.5 in.) caliper deciduous tree;
 - B. All other tree removals continue to use the size-related replacement requirements;
 - C. The heading for Column 3 of Table 1 has been corrected to read "Minimum Caliper of Deciduous Replacement Trees".
2. **Section 7** regarding Offences and Penalties:
The section has been expanded to list additional penalties that the court may impose in addition to a fine, including:
 - A. Payment of City costs for investigating and prosecuting (Subsection 7.4);
 - B. Payment of compensation to the City for damage or loss (Subsection 7.4);
 - C. Other actions the court deems appropriate (Subsection 7.4);
 - D. The City may seek a court order directing the convicted offender to complete training on proper tree care (Subsection 7.5).

**Changes to Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization
Bylaw 7321:**

1. This Bylaw has been amended to include ticketing offences for violations of the Tree Protection Bylaw 8057, including:
 - A. Cutting or removing a tree without a valid permit: \$1,000.00 per tree
 - B. Causing physical damage to a tree within the dripline: \$750.00 per tree
 - C. Failure to install and maintain tree protection fencing during demolition and construction: \$1,000.00 per tree/per day

More Information and Questions:

Copies of the related bylaws and the complete text of recent changes can be accessed on the City of Richmond's website at: www.richmond.ca/cityhall/bylaws/chapter.htm

- Municipal Ticket Information Authorization – Bylaw 7321 (2002): Chapter 3 – Municipal Ticketing Authority
- Tree Protection – Bylaw 8057 (2006): Chapter 4 – Regulations

If you have questions or require further information, please contact the Tree Bylaw staff by phone at 604-247-4684 or by email at treeprotection@richmond.ca.