

City of Colorado Springs Forestry Department Tree Service Business License Proposal Matrix

	Current License	New License - General	New License - Limited	Council Proposal - No License Required for Ground-Only Tree Pruning/Removal
Requires contractor to pass written and field examination	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Requires contractor to purchase annual Tree Service Business License	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Allows contractor (for hire) to perform work by climbing or using an aerial lift device	Yes	Yes	No	No
Allows contractor (for hire) to perform work from the ground or on a ladder of not more than 12 feet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allows homeowner to perform work on own property	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trees under 15 Feet may be cut/pruned/removed without a license	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allows smaller contractors interested only in fuels mitigation/landscape work to work within city limits	No	No	Yes	Yes
Increases the potential for new businesses to move into Colorado Springs, making us more business friendly	No	No	Yes	Yes
Increases the opportunity for homeowners to receive CSFD grant reimbursement funds for fuels mitigation	No	No	Yes	No
Protects residents from poor arboricultural practices/fly-by-night businesses	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Protects the City's resources by ensuring the contractor (for hire) understands the concept of City Rights-of-Way and other Forestry Rules and Regulations.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Protects residents' properties by ensuring that the contractor (for hire) has sufficient liability insurance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No