



**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

March 18, 2021

Bill Stone and Carolyn Mark  
37 Cooke Street  
Providence, RI 02908

Re: city tree removal at 37 Cooke St

Dear Bill and Carolyn,

I'm writing in response to your request, made through Ashley Iannuccilli Cullion of Traverse Landscape Architects, to remove the 7" diameter honeylocust tree in the city right-of-way on the George Street side of your home in order to widen your driveway. I've approved the removal of the tree, contingent on approval of the Dept. of Public Works to extend the curb cut.

City trees removed for construction must be replaced with new trees equivalent to the diameter of trees removed, as per the City Tree Ordinance, Sec. 23 ½. You may plant the trees yourself at the location, or at nearby sites approved by the City Forester. In lieu of planting, you may instead pay restitution for the cost of planting, and a City contractor will plant the trees elsewhere. For this tree, I would require replacement with 2 trees at 2.5" to 3" caliper (diameter).

The current restitution cost is \$500 per tree at 2.5" to 3" caliper. If you choose to pay restitution, the cost is 2 x \$500 = **\$1,000**. If you choose this option, the check can be sent to my attention and made to the City of Providence – Sharpe Fund.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the City Tree Ordinance requirements, or the tree at 37 Cooke St in particular.

Sincerely,

Douglas Still  
City Forester

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