1. **What is a private tree?**

   Any tree where the centerline of the trunk is located on private property and not within any public right-of-way or is in the backyard.

2. **What is a public (City) tree?**

   A public tree is owned and maintained by the City. A public (otherwise known as a City tree) is located where the centerline of the trunk lies within the public right-of-way, commercial corridors and public parks.

3. **How do I verify if a tree belongs to the City?**

   City representatives can determine ownership of a tree using an approved GIS inventory system. Please call (626) 285-2171, extension 4515 to verify that a tree does/does not belong to the City.

4. **How do I submit a request to trim a City tree?**

   You may submit an online Tree Service Request on the City's website, or contact the City at (626) 285-2171, extension 4515.

5. **What can be done about tree branches that have grown into electrical lines?**

   If a tree (public or privately owned) has grown into or near power lines, pruning requires the expertise of a qualified line-clearance arborist. To report trees growing into or near power lines, contact Southern California Edison by calling 1-800-655-4555.

6. **Can I prune or remove an Oak tree on my property?**

   Private Tree – Oak genus trees indigenous to the State of California are protected. Hire an Arborist to evaluate your Oak tree for pruning and/or removal. An Arborist will determine appropriate action and permits (if applicable) required to maintain the health of your Oak tree.

   Public Tree - Submit an online Tree Service Request or contact the City at (626) 285-2171, extension 4515 to request the tree be trimmed. The Arborist will determine appropriate action using qualified best practices used in the arboriculture industry.

7. **What do I do if I think my tree is in poor condition?**

   Private Tree - Hire an Arborist to evaluate your tree. The City and/or its representatives are not authorized to evaluate trees located on private property.

   Public Tree - Submit an online Tree Service Request or contact the City at (626) 285-2171, extension 4515 to request the tree be evaluated for health. The Arborist will determine appropriate action using qualified best practices used in the arboriculture industry.

8. **Can I have my City tree removed?**

   Per municipal code, each tree removal request requires an inspection. It will then be determined if the tree meets removal criteria based on the evaluation by the City Arborist.

9. **Can I request to have my neighbors City tree trimmed?**

   Yes, if the tree is causing obstruction, damage and/or threat to life.

10. **My neighbor's tree has branches that go into my yard. Can I trim the tree?**

    A property owner does not have absolute right to cut tree branches or tree roots which encroach into his or her property from a neighbor's tree. The property owner is encouraged to notify the owner of the tree that needs pruning or removing. A property owner that alters their neighbors tree may be liable for damages.

11. **How often are City trees trimmed?**

    City owned trees are on a 4-year prune cycle or per request on an as needed basis.

12. **Who trims City trees?**

    The Urban Forestry team will address immediate hazards and needs of a City tree. Otherwise, all trees maintained by the City are on a 4-year prune cycle. West Coast Arborists, performs all grid pruning in designated districts annually.