**Sec. 656.1205. - Removal of protected trees prohibited; exceptions**

No person, organization, society, association or corporation, or any agent or representative thereof, directly or indirectly, shall cut down, remove, damage or destroy, or shall authorize the cutting down, removal, damage, or destruction of any protected tree, as defined in [Section 656.1203(bb)](https://library.municode.com/fl/jacksonville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITXVIILAUS_CH656ZOCO_PT12LATRPRRE_SPAGEPR_S656.1203DE) hereof, or shall commit any act or authorize the commission of any act which physically removes a protected tree or causes a tree to die, such as damage inflicted upon the root system by heavy machinery, chemicals or paving, changing the natural grade above the root system and tree damage permitting infection or pest infestation, without first having obtained a permit as herein provided.

**Sec. 656.1203. - Definition**

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Protected Trees include the following:

*Private protected tree* means any tree with a DBH of six inches or more located on any lot within 20 feet of a street right-of-way (including an approved private street or other access easement) or a tree with a DBH of eight inches or more located within ten feet of any other property line, or a tree with a DBH of 11.5 inches or more located elsewhere on the lot.

(2) *Public protected tree* means any tree located on lands owned by the City, or other governmental agencies or authorities, or any land upon which easements are imposed for the benefit of the City, or other governmental agencies or authorities, or upon which other ownership control may be exerted by the City, or other governmental agencies or authorities, including rights-of-way, parks, public areas and easements for drainage, sewer, water and other public utilities, with:

(i) A DBH of six inches or more located within a City or other governmental right-of-way, or

(ii)A DBH of six inches or more and located on any lot within 20 feet of a street right-of-way, or

(iii) A DBH of eight inches or more located on any lot within ten feet of any other property line, or

(iv) A DBH of 11.5 inches or more located elsewhere on the lot.

(3) *Exceptional specimen tree* means any hardwood tree with a DBH of 24 inches or greater.

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