


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	CHERYL CASCIANI, CHAIR, COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY <i>Cheryl Casciani</i>	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0780 Natural Resources – Notice Required Before Removal of Trees on City Streets		

**TO**

DATE:

October 11, 2011

The Honorable President and Members of City Council  
 City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
 100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS has reviewed **City Council Bill 11-0780 Natural Resources – Notice Required Before Removal of Trees on City Streets**

The purpose of this bill is clarifying that no persons or City agency may remove a tree from a City street without providing notice; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally related to the removal of trees from City streets.

The bill does this by repealing and reordaining with amendment Article 7 – Natural Resources Section 53-5 of the Baltimore City Code

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Cleanliness Goal 2: Sustain a clean and maintained appearance of public land
- Pollution Prevention Goal 2: Improve Baltimore’s air quality and eliminate Code Red Days
- Greening Goal 1: Double Baltimore’s tree canopy by 2037
- Education & Awareness Goal 3: Raise the environmental awareness of the Baltimore community

The Commission on Sustainability recommends the approval of City Council Bill # 11-0780 with the following amendment:

Page 2, Line 3 – 4, add “permit holder’s” so the lines read:

(1) [shall] MUST consist of a durable and legible statement of the [Department’s] AGENCY’S or PERMIT HOLDER’S intent, affixed to and easily visible on the tree for not less than 5 days

CC:

- Peter O’Malley, Chief of Staff
- Kaliopé Parthemos, Mayor’s Office
- Angela Gibson, Mayor’s Office
- Councilwoman Sharon Middleton, City Council 6<sup>th</sup> District
- Karen Randle, Council Services
- Larry Greene, Council Services
- Erik Dihle, City Arborist
- Thomas J. Stosur, Department of Planning
- Beth Strommen, Office of Sustainability

*FLA*

