

# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

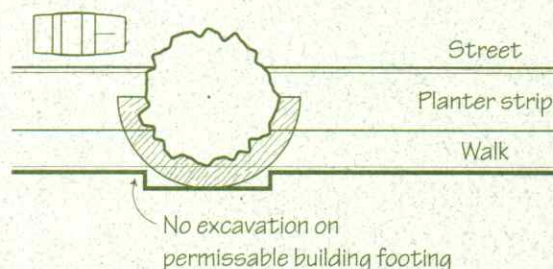
## Developer Guidelines for City Street Trees

*The City of Sacramento, Tree Services, recommends that developers adhere to the following guidelines in order to preserve and continue Sacramento's proud heritage of large shade trees throughout the downtown area.*

### SOIL AREA

Mature city street trees and newly planted street trees need adequate soil area for the preservation and development of a strong root system. City Tree Services recommends that no significant excavation occur within 10 feet of the face of the sidewalk adjacent to any existing street tree or adjacent to any designated planting location. "Significant" excavation is defined as more than 12 inches.

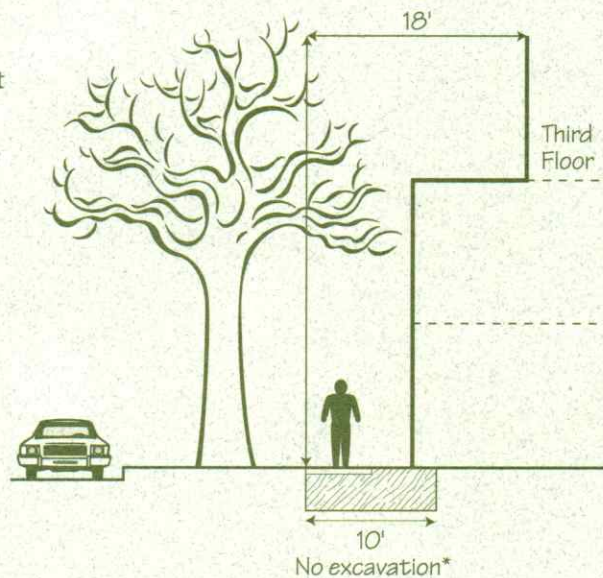
- Soil area is necessary for tree support to prevent blowing over.
- Soil area is necessary for roots to acquire necessary water and nutrients.



### AIR SPACE

Street trees also require air space to enable the tree to develop a significant crown. Tree Services recommends that construction above the second story level be set back a minimum of 18 feet behind the face of the sidewalk adjacent to any existing street tree or adjacent to any designated street tree planting location.

- Air space is necessary for trees to have strength and balance. A tree with a 6-foot width on building side and a 25-foot width on the street side is both awkward in appearance and in danger of blowing over.
- Air space is necessary if a tree is to receive sunlight and air to synthesize its food requirements and to provide the public with cooling shade, air purification, and beauty.



\*This is the minimum requirement. More area may be required for mature trees.



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