

**TOWN OF LOS GATOS**  
**Tree Trimming and Tree Maintenance Services RFP**  
**Questions & Answers**  
Updated May 5, 2023

- 1) Section D of the RFP requires the Contractor to provide a complete Town-wide update of the tree's inventory including the location, height, and impacted square foot measurement of uplifted sidewalk adjacent to the existing tree. What is the minimum displacement (in inches) should the uplifted sidewalk be to be recorded?**

½ of an inch.

- 2) Once hardscape damage is recorded in the inventory, whose responsibility will it be to update it when repairs are made?**

The Town will be responsible.

- 3) Will it be the City's responsibility when they make the repair or the contractor's at the first time work is performed at a previously damaged site?**

The Town's responsibility.

- 4) The specifications state that disease-free chips shall be dumped and spread in specified locations in the Town at the direction of the Town's designated representative. How will the spreading of chips be charged?**

Chips will be dumped at the Corporation South Yard. No spreading will be required.

- 5) Trees that are identified for a Full Prune shall have no more than thirty percent (30%) of the live foliage removed. Per the ISA standard, no more than 25% of live foliage shall be removed at a given time. Will the Town consider changing this requirement to match the 25% requirement as in General Trimming?**

Change requirement to 25%. Please see Addendum No. 1.

- 6) If a newly planted tree dies within a one (1) year period from planting, the Contractor shall replace it with a like specimen within seven (7) days of discovery, at the Contractor's expense. Will the Town still provide the new tree to be replace? Will this include trees that are vandalized and/or killed by homeowners?**

Town will provide replacement trees for vandalized trees.

- 7) The specifications require the Contractor to guarantee a tree's life for one year after planting. Is there a required period of tree watering included with the planting, or should watering be charged for each occurrence since the "Watering" description states that the Contractor shall water all trees 3-years old or younger?**

Contractor to provide watering for 2 years after planting.

**8) Is the contractor required to have Crane and 95' boom in their fleet or can they be rented?**

The contractor must have access to the equipment within 48 hrs.

**9) Is park tree maintenance included under this RFP?**

Yes

**10) Aside from the Annual Cost adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index, will the Contractor be allowed to request a cost adjustment based on annual increases in prevailing wage?**

Cost Adjustment will be allowed based on Consumer Price Index only.

**11) Will the City extract trees (i.e., small trees) from a Grid pruning assignment?**

No