



City of Pacific Grove

Urban Forestry Standards

Qualified Professional

The City Arborist shall compile and maintain a list of “Qualified Professionals” to review tree related issues and prepare and submit assessment reports when necessary.

The list of “Qualified Professionals” should be compiled through a review and screening process to determine experience, capability and demonstrated objective, unbiased behavior.

The “Qualified Professional” should possess resource specific skills and education to accurately opine on the issue at hand; if there is an assessment of a Native Monterey pine forest required, a forest ecologist may be the most “Qualified Professional.” If a risk assessment is required, an ISA Certified Arborist/ Board Certified Master Arborist or an ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist may be the most “Qualified Professional.” If a timber harvest plan is required, a Registered Professional Forester is the most “Qualified Professional.”

A “Qualified Professional” shall possess credentials, degrees or qualifications that support the resource specific skill required to adequately prepare and submit assessment reports such as:

- International Society of Arboriculture
 - Certified Arborist
 - Municipal Specialist
 - Board Certified Master Arborist
 - Certified Tree Risk Assessor
- American Society of Consulting Arborists
 - Registered Consulting Arborist
- Register Professional Forester

“Qualified Professionals” shall not be a principal or employee of a tree service or other contract service provider that has a vested interest or conflict of interest in the subject project.

Pacific Grove Urban Forest Tree Care License

All companies performing tree related work that are not a governmental or non-profit organization conducting work in the City of Pacific Grove shall be licensed by the City to perform tree work for hire, including landscaping crews performing young tree pruning and planting of trees. Personnel performing tree pruning shall be ISA certified arborists, certified tree workers or those with parallel professional designations/ registrations/ certifications. In order to obtain a Tree Care License, applicants shall pay the annual license fee and sign an agreement to perform work according to these Urban Forestry Standards. Licensees shall provide proof of appropriate consumer protection standards such as workers compensation and liability insurance, business license, state contractor’s license and identification of company vehicles and other responsible practices for their constituency.

Pacific Grove Urban Forest Tree Care License shall be valid for 1 year (or more). The licensing fee and timeline shall be set by resolution of the City Council.