Historic Sites Tree Protection & Preservation Program – Recommended Amendments Summary

Program Items	Recommended Amendments
1. Definitions	• Add definitions section to Program • Condense and clean up Program so that all definitions are in one section • Define "Protected Species List" (PSL) to be all-inclusive and include mature trees, street trees, and specimen (heritage) trees • Character-defining landscaping is all trees in PSL within the Historic Districts
2. SEC Coordination for Line Clearing Activities	• Notify Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) 10 days prior to scheduled trimmings • Work with Southern California Edison (SCE) to ensure that the City receives the annual tree trimming schedule in accordance with the Program
3. Removal of Character-Defining Landscaping	• Minor Certificate of Appropriateness (MINCOA) required for all tree removals • Establish qualification criteria for MINCOA – 1) Danger to Public Welfare; 2) Dead or Diseased Trees • Tree trimmings no longer require MINCOA, unless trimmed beyond the City's pruning guidelines • Retroactive MINCOA for unpermitted tree removals
4. Pruning and Trimming	• Pruning and trimming consistent with ANSI A300 Standards do not require a permit • Any proposed pruning or trimming methods beyond adopted standards are subject to approval of a MINCOA
5. Replacement	• All removed trees on PSL subject to tree replacement requirements • Permitted removals to use tree replacement ratio based on objective methodology to replace benefit loss of removed trees • Unpermitted removals use tree replacement ratio based on objective methodology to replace benefit loss of removed trees, multiplied by two • In-lieu fee may be paid as replacement • Replacement must be made within one year of approval
6. Appeal Process	• All MINCOA appealable to HPC by any interested parties • Decisions of the HPC appealable to the City Council