

**ARTICLE VIII. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF
THE SPREAD OF OAK WILT**

21-170 General Requirements.

- (a) The provisions of this section apply to any person, firm, corporation, business entity, city department, public or private utility to the extent permitted by law.
- (b) All wounds to the trunk, limbs and root system of oak trees in the city that expose sapwood shall be painted within thirty minutes of the wound with asphaltic or exterior oil or latex based paint.
- (c) Firewood from oak wilt infected trees shall not be brought into the city at anytime.

21-171 Tree maintenance license.

(a) Tree maintenance license. It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to engage in the business or occupation of pruning, treating, or removing trees for profit without first applying for and procuring a tree maintenance license. A tree maintenance license shall require proof of continuing education credits at a minimum of 4 hours per 3 year licensing period before the license is issued, provided however, the initial issuance of a license shall be for a period of one year to allow the applicant to obtain the necessary continuing education credits. The license shall be valid for three years and the fee shall be paid in advance. No license shall be required of any employee of a public utility or the city.

21-172 Penalty.

Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor offense and shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than (\$500.00) for the second offense.