ISA Certified Arborist Self-Certification Pilot Program

WHAT ISA ARBORISTS HAVE TO DO TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATION?

1. Attend and actively participate in course sessions.

2. Score a passing grade on the final exam.

WHAT ISA ARBORISTS CAN DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATION?

Successful completion of two (2) half-day training sessions will grant graduates of the Pilot Program Course, the ability to **Self-Certify**, the following activities/documents, using City-approved forms:

1. Tree conditions evaluation/risk assessments for issuance of tree removal permits (protected and grand)

2. Tree conditions evaluation/risk assessments for issuance of tree pruning permits (specimen and grand)

3. Certification of tree surveys for use in zoning reviews, right-of-way permit reviews, and building permit reviews

4. Certification of arborist reports for use in zoning reviews, right-of-way permit reviews, and building permit reviews

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Certification earned during the Pilot Program is valid through **12/31/2020**.

2. Self-Certification requires use of City-approved forms and evaluation/risk assessment methods.

3. Documentation provided as part of Self-Certification submittals, as described above, will serve as the accepted information for a specific development site, without re-inspection by Natural Resources. As needed, Natural Resources may perform routine audits of forms, reports, documentation, methods, etc. submitted by ISA Arborist performing Self-Certification.

4. Should any changes be made to any local, state, or federal laws and/or rules that affect the current City Codes and Technical Standards taught, additional/update courses may be required, in order to maintain a valid certification. If such courses are not successfully completed, the certification may be void.