


CITY COMMISSION POLICY

GRAND RAPIDS  MICHIGAN	NUMBER: 1100-03	HISTORY	
	DATE: February 13, 1963	FILE #	DATE
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	DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT		

SUBJECT: CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES TO CITY-OWNED TREES

PURPOSE: Because there is a considerable amount of administrative time spent in the collection of these damages by the Parks Department, Police and City Attorney, an attempt, via policy change, is initiated to limit the pursuance of reparations.

POLICY:

Background

Occasionally trees on lawn extensions of city streets and on other city properties are damaged by vehicles or acts of vandalism. The cases of minor damage average approximately 10 to 20 trees per year at a total cost of \$200 to \$400.

Policy

In any case where the amount of damage incurred is \$45.00 or less, the City will not initiate procedures to collect this small amount. However, all incidents of damage will still be reported to the Parks Department.