

**Sec. 21-64. Utilities.**

(a) Public and private utilities which install overhead and underground utilities, including CATV installations and water and sewer installations by or at the direction of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities, shall be required to accomplish all work on property subject to this article in accordance with the company's written pruning and trenching specifications or as mutually agreeable to the property owner, the City and the utility.

(b) Public and private utilities shall submit written specifications for pruning and trenching operations to the City for approval. Specifications shall be reviewed periodically by the City and the Tree Advisory Commission for necessary improvements and as required by modifications in this chapter. Upon approval of its specifications, a utility shall not be required to obtain a permit for routine trenching and pruning operations affecting a tree having all or any portion of its trunk in or upon any public property so long as such work is done in strict accordance with the approved specifications. Requests for the removal of trees shall be handled on an individual permit basis. Failure to comply with the approved specifications is a violation of this chapter.

(c) Refer to Section 21-96 for light pole location requirements.