

Regulations and rules for the AMI “Arboriculture Medical Industry” and verifying Tree Companies for the AMD “Arboriculture Medical Directory”

Introduction Overview of AMI and AMD pilot program:

The AMI and AMD was started as a pilot program from Tree Consulting and Education Services STL (TCES). The intention of these programs is to rebrand the Tree Industry and Arboriculture Industry into a recognized Medical Industry. At TCES, we are a local St Louis company that is releasing this to the St Louis community and at the end of the Pilot Program, will release it on a nationwide basis.

Here we will do a comprehensive breakdown of the entire pilot program.

1) AMI and AMD: Phase 1 of the pilot program. Read the rules and regulations listed below. With this being a pilot program for the community of St Louis, we do accept donations to help with funding of the entire AMI pilot program until release. Donations are not tax deductible and if you find this pilot program useful or helpful, then please donate to help us achieve the goal of making the Arboriculture Industry a recognized Medical Industry to help protect trees, plants and the planet from the destruction of progress and protect trees and plants since they are a recognized biological organism. Humans have a recognized Medical Industry, animals have a recognized Medical Industry and at TCES, we believe the planet needs a recognized Medical Industry to help protect it since nothing can exist without vegetation! For over 100 years the Arboriculture Industry is the only organization to actively advocate and fight to protect our planet in a war of destruction against our planet and our goal is to help usher in a new era of prosperity for mankind, animals and our planet!

Disclaimer: Since TCES is the company that opened the AMI and sponsored the AMD, all donations will go to TCES to help with the other programs and projects required to complete the pilot programs before we release the pilot project nationwide and are listed below.

2) LEEP Organization: This company will focus on the environment and education of the Arboriculture Industry. This is an actual company and not a non-profit organization.

3) LEEP Video and Production company: This Company will focus on bringing education and documentation of trees and plants into the 21st century.

3) AMI Charitable Tree Service (AMICTS): Upon an announcement to the public on the opening and development of AMICTS, TCES and AMI will open a separate donation program that will only go to and be used for AMICTS! Initially, this will not be a tax-deductible donation due to the time required to get non-profit tax-deductible status. Once the

government approves the non-profit status, we will update the donation site to non-profit tax-deductible status. AIMCTS will do charity tree work for the community for anyone that meets the qualifications or requirements. Some of the requirements, but not all are as follows: A) People who are blind. B) Military families that lost a spouse while serving our country. C) Someone that dies while performing a job that serves the community. Here is a list of some, but not all jobs and professions that are eligible; firefighter, EMT, paramedics, police. D) A situation in life that causes financial hardship that is brought about due to factors in life we cannot control. Some examples of this may include but are not limited to 1) A child born with special needs that the family is having financial problems keeping up with. 2) An accident that caused a death to a Spouse that severely caused a financial strain on the family. 3) An accident that caused long-term treatment and rehabilitation that is putting the family in financial trouble. 4) Being diagnosed with a disease that causes a person to go through financial problems. Disclaimer: All situations or circumstances in D) will require all proper documentation, financial records and a list of assets to be provided to see if you qualify for the AIMCTS to help.

Pilot Program 2:

This second pilot program will be launched in a cooperation venture between TCES, AMI and LEEP upon completion of the first pilot program. This pilot program will be targeted at schools. Our goal is to bring the next generation of vertical farming to school districts and will start with grade schools. A full breakdown will be updated on the AMI website later in the year when the pilot program comes close to being completed.

Rules and Regulations:

1) Company Certification to be recognized as Medical Companies: The AMI requires each company to inform the AMI on how many crews a company has and the number of personnel a company employs and the role of each employee. If a company needs to contact the AMI by phone for questions or inquiries, please download the Complaint and Dispute form and call the emergency contact number listed on the form. The requirements for a Tree Company to become fully certified as a Medical Company or Office are listed below.

Every company will require 3 job verifications per crew to pass Medical Certification. 1 Certification must be done while the crew is on site performing Medical Procedures minimum. The other 2 Certifications can be completed jobs so the AMI can evaluate how well all Medical Procedures were performed and to ensure the Education of Medical Training the Tree Surgeon has. The AMI has the right to refuse completed jobs or jobs sent to evaluate Medical Personnel on site for full certification if the jobs do not contain enough work procedures that gives a full evaluation of all Medical Procedures to ensure the AMI can

do a compressive evaluation that encompasses all aspects of Arboriculture knowledge required to be Certified as a Medical Office, Company and Employees recognized as Tree Surgeon, Doctor, Nurse and Medical Personnel.

Reasons a job may be rejected may include but not limited to: A) A job that does not require an entire day to complete. B) A removal. C) A job that does not include mature trees or majority of work is on young trees, ornamentals, coniferous or evergreen tree species. AMI considers any tree under 50 years of age as a mature or maturing tree. D) Any job that does not include the majority or all the following aspects of work: 1) dead wooding 2) building clearance 3) interior thinning 4) weight reduction 5) wind sail reduction 6) elevation. All jobs submitted must include 1, 2, 3, 6 and include either 4 or 5. Any job submitted that does not match the requirements can be rejected at the AMI discretion and if the AMI shows up to a jobsite that does not include the required requirements and is rejected by the AMI, AMI will charge the company a \$500 Rejection fee.

The AMI charges \$500 per job verification. If a company does not want to get certified, then the company can wait until the AMI comes across enough jobs to certify that company. Any company that does not respond to or communicate with the AMI about the AMD rules and regulations once given or notified about the rules and regulations and refuses to work with the AMI, they will be put on the 1-star) do not hire rating. Any company that works with the AMI but does not want to be certified will be put on the 1.5-star) do not recommend list. A full explanation and breakdown of the 5-star rating system is on rule 11). Any company that gets on the do not hire list will be charged \$1000 per job certification and \$250 per hour spent at a tree/medical office to go over any material the AMI requests to ensure they can be taken off the do not hire list. The AMI may request but not limit info needed to get off list can include but not limited to 1) dot inspection sheets 2) inspection of trucks to ensure all proper safety equipment and tree gear needed for a safe working environment 3) weekly tool talks documentation 4) training material and documented paperwork to show a company is training and furthering education for their medical personnel 5) insurance 6) workman comp 7) business license and all required paperwork filed with the state 8) inspection of work vehicles. The AMI does not certify companies as Tree Companies but as medical professionals. Since a company can get on the do not hire list for 2 reasons, A) Not holding to medical professional standards and represent the Arboriculture Industry the best it can. B) If the AMI is driving around and the crew does not follow all the laws, rules and regulations required to safeguard the employees or customers. That is why we will require all the info as a Tree Company to ensure they are meeting the highest standards of just not medical professionals but also tree companies.

The AMI will not take a single infraction as a reason for putting a company on the do not hire list but if multiple infractions are violated when personnel are on a jobsite, then AMI reserves the right to put a company on the do not hire list at our discretion and the severity of documented infractions from just 1 observation, documentation and verification while observing the company and personnel work. The AMI evaluates why a company may go on the do not hire list and due to this reason, the AMI will vary what is requested to suit whatever reason a company was put on the do not hire list and why whatever information is required may vary by a case-to-case reason.

2) If a company has a tree crew that only does removals, then the AMI requires a written statement to inform the AMI, so the AMI does not certify that crew leader as a tree surgeon. Removals are not considered medical procedures since no surgery is being performed. When a company removes a carcass of an injured, diseased or dead biological life form, the main requirements to safely remove the carcass are physics, geometry, mathematics and engineering. If the AMI comes across a removal crew performing medical procedures without having an AMI recognized tree surgeon on that crew once the company has become certified, the AMI will assess the situation and will take actions as the AMI deems appropriate. IF the AMI concludes that a company has intentionally misled the AMI in any way, then the AMI may instantly downgrade a company to a do not hire. At the AMI we understand that not all personnel have been trained to properly perform all medical procedures necessary and do not believe a company should be penalized if the training of personnel is appropriate for what work they are capable of handling. The AMI also recognizes and understands that training can take a decade or longer to properly understand all aspects of surgeries and medical procedures, so we try to be as understanding as possible within limits and believe in working to help educate as an essential part for a proper rating.

An example of this would be if a tree is having the interior thinned and it resembles more of a stripping of interior than a proper thinning, we educate instead of penalizing. But what we also take into consideration is the length of time a surgeon is in the industry. If it's a 3-year surgeon, that is understandable and will help educate but if it's a surgeon of 10 years, we will look more at it as a penalty because of the length of time in the industry and lack of training by a company. Before we decide, we will reach out to the company to find out the length of time that surgeon has been with the company. If it's 6 months, then we understand but if it's been a year or more, then the AMI expects a company to know the issue by following up on completed work to recognize the issue and time to correct it.

3) The AMI will only recognize the crew leader as the surgeon being certified on work that is being certified after completion of medical procedures. Only with a submitted video showing work being performed by other members of the crew will the AMI recognize any person other than the crew leader as the person doing work or if the AMI evaluates on site work being performed. AMI understands that all members of a crew may have done medical procedures to organisms but without the proper video documentation provided, the crew leader is responsible for all completed work and therefore will be credited with all work performed unless video evidence or the AMI or an AMI IMMAC is presented. Any company caught submitting different personnel as the crew leader, besides the recognized crew leader in hopes of deceiving the AMI in hopes of getting all employed medical personnel as recognized medical surgeons will go on the do not hire list and will be banned from ever moving off the do not hire list. If a company has 5 medical crews, only 5 crew leaders will be recognized and certified as tree surgeons. Only through video evidence and inspection, will the AMI recognize and certify tree surgeons. The AMI understands that multiple personnel can perform tree surgeries on a jobsite and if a certified tree surgeon is present, then AMI encourages noncertified surgeons to be performing surgeries within their knowledge and education level to help to continue to educate upcoming medical professionals. The AMI also understands the importance of having back up tree surgeons certified to run crews in case one of their head surgeons may require a day off. In a situation where a tree surgeon cannot be there due to needing a day off and the company doesn't have a spare tree surgeon available, if it is documented that the tree surgeon had day off and the medical personnel is sent to do medical procedure within the intern tree surgeons capacity, the AMI does not penalize for that as long as the surgery performed represents the arboriculture medical industry properly. The AMI will also recognize intern medical surgeons that can be authorized as back up crew leaders by presenting us with video so we can inspect it and get them registered as intern surgeons and then they can lead crews and completed jobs can go towards their recognized tree surgeon status.

Disclaimer: When a company submits video to the AMI, the AMI can only verify work performed in video! If a company submits only 10 mins of video, then only 10 minutes of footage will be considered even if the Medical Personnel did entire tree. The AMI can only verify what it can see in the video footage provided. All other work will be deemed as being performed by the Tree Surgeon.

4) Companies are advised to inform the AMI when they hire a new crew leader and Tree Surgeon so AMI can document and verify the new Medical Employee. Any company that does not update the AMI of new employees for documentation and verification, can be penalized

on the AMD if the AMI comes across a medical procedure before the Tree Surgeon has been certified.

5) The AMI will take into consideration certain factors when going over certifications and verifications if a Medical Office includes data and information on Medical Personnel for all members of the Medical Crew that are not required in forms submitted or filled out in the database. The AMI understands that some knowledge and education is a never-ending learning curve and process that requires a decade or decades of trial and error in the field doing Medical Procedures and continued education through the company and off duty research. To ensure all companies and personnel get a fair and proper rating, the more information a company and personnel provides the AMI for the database, the more understanding the AMI can be when doing evaluations and verifications.

6) Information that helps the AMI rate a Medical Office and personnel can include but not be limited to A) The name of all personnel employed and their role at the Medical Office. B) How long each Medical Personnel the company employs have been in the Arboriculture Industry. C) What role does each employee perform for the Medical Office. D) All degrees and certificates the employee has. The more info a company provides to the AMI, the more understanding can be put into giving an office a proper rating.

Disclaimer: If a company has more than one office, each office is responsible for getting their own certification. Once an office has received full AMI Medical Certification, the Company will be recognized as a Medical Company but does not give the right to the company to claim all locations as Medical Offices. Each location shall be certified before the company can openly use Medical Office for locations not yet certified.

7) AMI database: AMI will require all companies to fill out and submit a database form and require all companies to download a database form and have all employees fill out and submit a database form once a company has had a certification, assessment, verification or evaluation done or contacts the AMI to get fully certified. Any company that does not fill out and submits database information and submits database information for every person employed by the company, the AMI will not verify the company as a recognized Medical Company. All employees include secretaries, office personnel, bidders, owners, project managers, etc. If someone is on company or office payroll, they shall be included in the database.

If a company is not in our database but the AMI receives a form from the public, then the AMI will assign an AMI identification # and start a database on that company and all employees hired by that company. The AMI will then contact the company, and the company will be given 45 days to be fully certified or go on the Do Not Hire list.

If a company is not in the AMI database and AMI or an IMMAC does a certification, verification, assessment or evaluation of a company, then the AMI will start a database on the company and give the company an AMI identification number. The AMI will then notify the company, and the company has 45 days to get fully certified or go on the Do Not Hire list.

Disclaimer: If the AMI cannot get a company fully certified in the 45 days due to the AMI being behind, then the company will be given extra time without penalty. To be eligible for the no penalty extension, a company must be on the fully certified list for 30 days. AMI will certify companies due to how close to deadline a company is and if they have been on the list for 30 days or more. Any company contacting the AMI to get fully certified as a Medical Company and has less than 30 days of time left from the time of obtaining an AMI Identification Number will be placed behind companies that paid the fee within the 30 – 45-day frame. These companies that go past their 45-day certification day are subject to being placed on the Do Not Hire list without possibility of extension.

8) The AMI understands that some companies may hire seasonal, interns, summer help or some form of temporary help. The AMI requires these individuals to fill out and submit a database form. Any company that is caught employing an individual and not submitting a database form, the AMI reserves the right to place that company on the do not hire list for 6 months before the AMI will consider taking them off the list if the AMI deems it necessary and at the AMI discretion. If placed on the do not hire list, the 6-month ban cannot be lifted early for any reason. To avoid this problem, the AMI suggests making the database form a requirement upon employment to avoid any unnecessary problems.

9) Complaint and Dispute forms: The AMI will be asking the community of St Louis to fill out a Complaint and Dispute form anytime a customer has a problem with a Tree/Medical Company or Office. The AMI will also be asking Companies to inform us about bad customers so the AMI can add them to our database after we do a full inquiry from both parties if the AMI deems the customer to be a risk to companies in the Arboriculture Industry. If a customer goes on the do not contract list, then companies will be able to access the do not contract list once the pilot program ends! If the AMI needs to be called due to an emergency or a company needs to contact the AMI directly, go to TCES website at Treeconsultingstl.com and our number is listed on the website or download the CDF and the phone number is on the form.

10) To cut down on needless complaints, the AMI will have a \$250 charge if a customer or patient is contacting the AMI because they are hoping for free work or feel entitled to be catered to because they believe the customer is always right. The AMI does not charge if

they need an independent judgement of work completed because the idea the customer has of the work they wanted is not compatible with what are the best medical procedures for the biological organism and the work completed has been done for the best health and safety of the biological life form. The AMI also will not charge if a customer needs an independent judgement because the contract does not match the work performed. While the pilot program is in effect, the AMI will not charge a fee.

AMI will have a \$500 fee the company is responsible for if the AMI concludes the customer or patient receives a favorable diagnosis if the AMI is needed to resolve a dispute and the final verdict is rendered in the customer favor. The AMI will start charging this fee after the pilot program ends. The pilot program ends and goes into full effect for nationwide expansion Monday January 5th, 2026, in St Louis, Missouri. Once the AMI launches pilot programs in new cities, every pilot program will have a 6-month run time before it becomes fully operation.

11) AMD Rating System: Here we will list how the rating system works and what each star rating represents.

1-star rating: Do Not Hire. A company failed safety and medical certifications and evaluations or refused to work with the AMI.

1.5-star rating: Do Not Recommend hiring. A company failed either a safety or medical certification or evaluation.

2-star rating: If the AMI is aware of the company but has not made any verifications or certifications on that company or has had a certification and verification. If a company has not been moved off the 2-star rating list after an evaluation or verification, the AMI does not feel confident moving them to either a 1.5-star or 2.5-star rating.

2.5-star rating: A company has passed either a safety or medical certification and shows enough confidence in being a reputable company that the AMI is confident they can be trusted to ensure they represent the tree, arboriculture and medical industry with minimum risk to a customer. Until a company fully becomes certified as a Medical Office and Company, they cannot be moved to 3-star rating.

3-star rating: A company has passed all passed all safety and medical certifications required by AMI and meets all requirements to be fully certified as a Medical Company or Office.

4 and 5-star rating: Not available until after the pilot program ends.

4-star rating: The top 10% of companies that go above and beyond normal and everyday work requirements throughout the year. The ways the AMI decides on who excels and

exceeds expectations will be based on but not limited to attendance at arborist meetings, going to industry events, holding events or sponsoring events targeted towards the community. Companies will be responsible for submitting documentation of attendance at events.

5-star rating: the top 10% of companies that made the 4-star rating list.

The AMI will update the 4 and 5-star rating on the first Sunday of January every year and reserves the right to downgrade a company if they fail a certification, assessment or verification if the AMI deems it to be appropriate action at our discretion or if a company or office loses their medical license.

At the AMI, we understand that not every surgical cut or collar cut may be perfect in certain situations due to the position required during surgical procedures or due to emergency operations after natural disasters or damage. A bad cut will not cause an alarm or negative marks on certifications, evaluations or verifications if it is in a select situation. If it is a recurring theme throughout a completed job or recurring theme in multiple jobs or a resembles an issue of company education and assessment of personnel, then the AMI will start penalizing companies.

The AMI has 2 links in our rating system for a St. Louis cat rescue and an international cat rescue site that has listings in each state and in other countries in case a pet or someone in the community needs something retrieved out of a tree.

As the AMI database increases, the AMI will add new sections. Some of these will include but not limited to companies with a certified Plant Health Care program, Companies that have certified Tree Risk Assessment personnel on staff, certified Consulting Companies and personnel certified to do consulting.

12) New AMI terminology and trimming/reduction standards: The AMI has initiated new terminology and trimming standards that every company is required to download and start using to ensure the best medical procedures for trees. The 1/3rd standard the Arborist Association recommends is not what the AMI considers best practice to use on trees with the wide range of tree species and the tolerance variance of tree species to handle various medical procedures performed when doing medical procedures. Tree species like maple "Acer" tree species which has around 132 species worldwide that can generally handle an 8" cut better than a member of the oak "Quercus" tree which has about 600 species worldwide. Due to these factors, the AMI requires companies to upgrade to and use the new trimming standards and terminology before they can be recognized as Medical Offices and Companies.

13) Industry participation: During the Pilot Program, AMI is asking the Arboriculture Industry to reach out to us with questions, anything they think can help evolve the AMI and improve it, any questions or advice for improving medical forms and the rules and regulations or the new and updated trimming standards and terminology.

14) Condition and reasons a company can get on the 1 or 1.5-Star Do Not Hire list can include but not limited to A) Using climbing gaffs on a tree if it is not a removal. B) Repeated verifications of a company that does not show signs of improvement as Medical Professionals. C) A Medical Office or Company is not registered with the Arborist Association, Tree Care Industry Association and International Society of Arboriculture once the pilot program ends. D) Company and Medical Offices do not take responsibility for keeping customers, pedestrians and employees safe by following all rules and regulations for the Arboriculture Industry and government agencies. E) Lack of communication with a customer when a Tree Nurse shows up to do a preliminary diagnosis or after the Medical Procedure has been completed by the Medical Crew to ensure satisfaction with pre and post operation's assessment. F) Vehicles that leak fluids and cause EPA violations and show repeated complaints or documented documentation for not fixing the issue. G) Anything that does not represent the Arboriculture Industry or the AMI in the best interest of health, safety and Medical Procedures on all biological life forms. H) Refusing to work with the AMI once a company or office has been added to the AMI database. I) Not having a functioning website, the public can go to. J) Companies having pictures on their website or on internet that violate safety standards and not representing the Arboriculture Industry to the best of their ability. J) Employees not wearing hard hats, not wearing chain saw chaps when cutting on ground, not having safety harnesses on in aerial lifts or buckets, in pictures on websites or on internet. If a company goes on 1 or 1.5-star rating system due to them documenting their own safety violations by uploading them on internet or someone from the community uploading them to the internet, a company cannot get back on the 2-Star rating until they have removed all documented proof of safety violations in the pictures.

15) If the AMI records and documents a fluid issue that is an EPA violation, then the AMI will contact the company by phone to do an investigation. If the AMI deems it a negligent issue from the company, the AMI will report it to the EPA. If a company shows documented proof of reoccurring issues with the same vehicle or piece of equipment, then AMI will no longer contact the company and move the company to the Do Not Hire list and report the problem to the EPA.

16) Requirements for job verifications for full medical certification for companies: Acceptable completed jobs for verification shall include multiple trees and biological organisms that

showcase every aspect of Medical Procedures to give a full comprehensive range of skills and knowledge a Tree Surgeon shall possess to be certified as Medical Professionals. AMI will try and catch all non-viable verification jobs before leaving to do the verification but if the AMI arrives at the jobsite and must reject the job submitted, then the AMI will assess a 500\$ fee to the company.

17) Reasons the AMI can reject jobs submitted for verification and requirements to give the best possible chance for a job to not be reject by the AMI or a AMI Independent Mobile Medical Assessment Certifier (IMMAC) can include but not limited to A) Contracts that require multiple biological organisms of an appropriate age and a Medical Crew all day to complete and include multiple medical procedures that encompass 1) dead wooding 2) building clearance 3) interior thinning 4) weight or wind sail reduction 5) elevation. B) A single tree that requires all day to complete by a Medical Crew and but does not encompass all 5 requirements listed in "A)". A single old tree that encompasses the requirements can be a viable candidate for certification if it requires most of a day to complete. C) The AMI does not consider young maturing trees and biological life forms as a viable source for primary verification but do consider ornamentals as a necessary requirement on one of the 3 Medical Crew submissions for full verification per Medical Crew for the Medical Office to obtain its Medical Certificate. Some ornamental tree species listed here but not limited to 1) Japanese Maples 2) Crabapples 3) Fruit Trees, can require special techniques and procedures to properly do Medical Procedures on, so they are instrumental in giving proper ratings to companies and surgeons.

Disclaimer: Since tree species can range from 200 years of age or older in the natural life cycle of trees and 30 years of age or older for ornamental tree species, we will go over here how the AMI determines the age of trees and how we define them as young and maturing, adult and old trees. The AMI expects companies to use good judgement and reasoning on ornamental trees they submit to give us appropriate ornamentals to evaluate Medical Procedures on.

Young and Maturing Trees: below 50 years old.

Adult trees: Between 50- and 125-year-old.

Old trees: Over 125 years old.

AMI expect companies when sending in completed jobs for verifications to use their knowledge of individual tree species they submit to approximate age of tree due to individual tree biology, environmental growth and cellular development to guess an appropriate age suitable for evaluation and certification. Since the only way to accurately

date a trees age, is with a core sample. The AMI will evaluate trees by size, trunk diameter and canopy size when on site! Companies should be able to accurately give good examples when submitting jobs due to education and available diagnosis information from the Tree Nurse when doing pre-operation assessment with customer and relays that information to the Tree Office and Office Personnel.

18) The AMI will use emails as our primary form of communication and if a response is required, then the company owner or project manager has 7 days to respond. If the AMI does not receive a response in the 7-day response time, then the AMI will proceed with whatever actions are deemed necessary for the situation and at the AMI discretion. If the AMI deems a situation important and requires immediate response from a company owner or project manager, then the AMI will call the company and will give the company 2 days to respond by phone. Any company that does not respond within the 2-day time frame, the AMI will act as the AMI sees fit and at the AMI discretion and the company can risk being put on the 1-Star Do Not Hire list if the AMI deems it necessary. If the AMI deems it necessary to put a company on the Do Not Hire list, then there will be a 6-month penalty before a company is eligible to be removed for the Do Not Hire list with no exceptions. The AMI will not accept any excuse for not responding and addressing any issue in the appropriate time frame.

If a situation occurs where the owner or project manager cannot respond at that time due to being on vacation or another reason they are unavailable, then the secretary must respond to inform the AMI and give the owner or project manager a return date and will be given a 48-hour extension from return date to work if it's an email reach out and needs a response. If it is a phone call that reaches out to a company for something the AMI deems as important, then no extension will be given and if the AMI does not receive a phone response within the 48-hour time frame, then the AMI will act at the AMI discretion.

19) As the AMI adds, adjusts or modifies requirements, rules, regulations, forms or anything within the AMI during the pilot program, they will be added at the end of month and the public and the industry will be responsible for checking at the beginning of each month to ensure they are up on all current rules and regulations. Any changes will take effect on the 1st of each month and every company will have until the last day of that month adjusting company policy before the AMI starts penalizing companies.

Upon completion of the pilot program, any revisions will be added on the 1st. All companies and the public will have 7 days to implement the changes before the AMI starts penalizing companies. If there is a fee increase, then it is the responsibility of companies and the public to be aware of these changes.

The AMI encourages companies and the public to sign up for our newsletter so when the AMI makes changes, we can inform all parties through our newsletter.

20) The AMI does not do certifications, verifications or evaluations between December 1st and February 28th. The AMI IMMOC will be active during this time, but the AMI will not. The AMI will be active during this time for disputes and complaints or violations by companies if AMMIC find them during this time.

21) When the AMI expands to new cities, every city will be required to enact a pilot program to transition each city and will require a 6-month pilot program before it goes into full effect in each city. During the pilot program in each new city, that city will have a donation option only during the pilot program. AMI will set up an individual bank account for each city and all donations will go for that city.

22) IMMOC: Independent Mobil Medical Assessment Certifier: Every company is eligible to nominate an IMMOC from their office upon completion of being a recognized Medical Company or Office. If a member of the board for the Arborist Association or the International Society of Arboriculture works for a Medical Company or Office, they are not eligible to be nominated.

A board member of the Arborist Association or International Society of Arboriculture is eligible to fill out an application for an IMMOC by filling out the form and submitting it to the AMI. Only while serving on the board of the Arborist Association or International Society of Arboriculture will they be eligible to be an honorary IMMOC and upon leaving the board, they will have 30 days until their honorary status is revoked and to obtain a new IMMOC approval, they must be nominated by the company they work for if eligible. Board members must still meet the requirements of any nominee from a company to be approved by the AMI.

If a new board member is appointed and is already an IMMOC for a company, the company will be able to nominate a temporary IMMOC. The temporary status will only be good until the board member resigns or is voted out of office and then will revert to the officially recognized IMMOC officer for the company. The temporary officer will then have their temporary status revoked. If the board member quits from the company during their time as a board member, then the temporary status will be upgraded to the official IMMOC officer for that company.

The job of an IMMOC officer is to certify safety, increase database information and surgical procedures throughout their everyday activities as time permits. Since IMMOC officers are a voluntary position and are mostly nominated Tree Nurse's/bidder's from certified Medical

Offices, AMI asks IMMAC officers to use the IMMAC text channel they will be added to if they see violations and don't have time to stop and reach out to all other IMMAC officers to see if someone is available to stop and document it if in the area or has time to run by and take care of situations that give the Arboriculture Industry a bad reputation or to document companies that represent the arboriculture Industry in a good or exceptional way.

Disclaimer: During the pilot program, once a company has become fully certified as a Medical Office or Company and a board member from the Arborist Society or International Society of Arboriculture is working for them and the company wants to nominate them as their main IMMAC officer, then the company can nominate them as their primary and submit a temporary IMMAC upon approval of the primary officer for the company. This rule only applies during the pilot program. Upon completion of the pilot program, this exemption will not apply for companies submitting applications.

23) Medical Certificates issued to Industry Personnel and Medical Companies and Offices: The AMI will not issue Certificates until the end of the pilot program. During the pilot program, the AMI will keep a list of all companies, offices, nurses, doctors and surgeons that become certified during the pilot program and will issue the certificate through mail once the pilot program ends in each City.

24) PPPOAC: Pre and Post Operation Assessment of Company form: This form is designed for the public to fill out and send it in to the AMI once a company has completed a contract. We encourage every person or company that has completed work done to fill out and submit one so we can build our patient and customer database to document trees and surgical work performed on them so in the future, companies contracting work or new owners have a detailed medical background on all trees and vegetation.

We encourage the public to provide a copy of the contract when submitting the PPPOAC to help with documentation. The AMI also encourages companies to submit completed contracts on every job completed during the pilot program. Upon completion of the Pilot Program, the AMI will add the ability for companies to log in and download completed jobs into the database from their office and will then add all submitted completed jobs the AMI receives during the Pilot Program. When a company downloads a completed job into the database, it will be submitted under the address the work was completed at. The AMI wants to build documentation of every tree and medical history so in the future all companies, personnel and new homeowners can access all past Medical Procedures and history of the trees on properties to reference in the future or if they make contract work on trees a company has not done medical procedures on in previous years.

25) Internation and St. Louis cat rescue links: At TCES and AMI we are not just passionate about the planet, environment and nature but also animals. For this reason, we promote both humanitarian efforts to save pets stuck in trees because they also have a passion and love of animals. Even if our website isn't something a person may be interested in, we encourage the community to promote our site, so communities have a readily available site to go in case a beloved pet gets stranded in a tree! If the AMI and AMD is not something a person feels is worth donating too, we encourage people to donate to these causes and the various organizations or programs on the international site to help these amazing, loving caring and informative programs.

26: Public Funding: The AMI encourages the community of St. Louis and the United States to contribute and help support the TCES and AMD pilot program since we don't rely on corporate sponsors, investors, government grants or subsidiaries to keep this pure and true and free of outside influence. We built this for a love for the planet, environment, animals and people. It was not designed for the Arboriculture Industry, but for the community so we believe if the community finds the full scope of the pilot program good and useful, then the Community should fund it. We encourage Nation Wide support because this may be starting in St. Louis, but it will expand nationwide upon completion of the pilot program.

27) Below we list the new terminology and trimming standards the AMI is implementing for the Arboriculture industry:

TCES New Medical Verification Regulations and Rule Changes:

Terminology Changes:

1: Tree Climber shall change to **Tree Surgeon**

2: PHC technician shall change to **Tree Doctor**

3: Bidder shall change to **Tree Nurse**

4: Tree Crews shall change to **Medical Crews**

5: Anytime someone climbs a tree, they shall be referred to as **Rope Ascension Experts**.

6: Any Tree Surgeon that does a removal of a dead carcass will now be required to add the following terminology: we will send a Tree Surgeon with specialty training in **mathematics, geometry, engineering** and **physics** to safely remove the dead carcass.

The reason for this is because you are not doing a medical procedure, and those 3 skills are required to safely remove the dead carcass; diseased or injured biological organism!

New Trimming Standards:

1: 0-2" Will still hold the 1/3 reduction standard.

2: 2"-4" Will now require a 1/2 reduction standard.

3: 4"-8" will now require a 2/3 reduction standard.

4: Any cuts over 8" will require documented proof of medical reason to justify the cut.

5: All finalized medical procedures on an organism must resemble the tree species natural growth and must have a lateral trim that will not cause interference with future growth potential.

Rebranding of companies we are looking for:

1: Under company name on website or after company name, we are asking companies to add; **Arboriculture Medical Office** once a tree company is fully certified as a Medical Office.

Timeline for rebranding:

Between now and June 29th of 2025 we will be giving everyone time to get used to and get everyone in St Louis time to implement these new standards for the AMD without penalties. Between the release of AMD website and January 4th of 2026 will be the transition period for companies to get used to the new changes to become fluent in acting like medical professionals. Starting January 5th, no exemptions will be made and companies penalized!