



# Planning Services Division

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## Is a Tree Permit Required?

This form is intended to provide an owner/applicant with an overview of the tree regulations for a specific project. It is designed to be completed by a staff planner, however, it can be informative to the public as a blank form which outlines the triggers or thresholds for a tree permit. It does not constitute an entitlement or thorough analysis of the request. This review is current as of the date shown below. New regulations may be adopted or existing regulations may be amended or repealed subsequent to this review. A project is subject to the regulations in effect when the submitted application is deemed complete.

Property Address:		APN:	
Description of tree(s) to be removed:		Zoning District:	
Planner:		Flood Zone:	
		Date:	

Yes	No	If any of the following is "yes" then a tree permit is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DEVELOPED PROPERTY.</b> Is it located on a developed property, has a trunk diameter $\geq 12"$ and of the following species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)</li> <li>▪ canyon oak (<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>)</li> <li>▪ blue oak (<i>Quercus douglasii</i>)</li> <li>▪ white oak (<i>Quercus garryana</i>)</li> <li>▪ black oak (<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>)</li> <li>▪ valley oak (<i>Quercus lobata</i>)</li> <li>▪ interior live oak (<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>)</li> <li>▪ California bay (<i>Umbellularia californica</i>)</li> <li>▪ California buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</li> <li>▪ madrone (<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>RIPARIAN TREE.</b> Is it a native riparian tree with a trunk diameter $\geq 6"$ or has a multi-trunk with a diameter $\geq 4"$ and of the following species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ bigleaf maple (<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>)</li> <li>▪ boxelder (<i>Acer negundo</i>)</li> <li>▪ white alder (<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>)</li> <li>▪ black walnut (<i>Juglans hindsii</i>)</li> <li>▪ cottonwood (<i>Populus fremontii</i>)</li> <li>▪ red willow (<i>Salix laevigata</i>)</li> <li>▪ arroyo willow (<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>)</li> <li>▪ coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)</li> <li>▪ valley oak (<i>Quercus lobata</i>)</li> <li>▪ California bay (<i>Umbellularia californica</i>)</li> <li>▪ California buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</li> <li>▪ blue elderberry (<i>Sambucus Mexicana, caerulea, or glauca</i>)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY.</b> Is it located on an undeveloped property with a diameter $\geq 6"$ (of any species)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION.</b> Is it designated to be protected and preserved as part of an approved development application (of any size or species) - <i>check with a planner</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>RESTRICTED RIDGELINE AREA.</b> Is it a native tree within a restricted ridgeline area (of any size or species) - <i>check with a planner</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REPLACEMENT TREE.</b> Is it a replacement tree planted as restitution for a violation of this chapter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STREET TREE.</b> Is located within a public right-of-way or a private access easement (of any size or species)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DOWNTOWN TREE.</b> Is located within a commercial zoning district (of any size or species)

Yes	No	What type of tree permit is required?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the protected tree on property not currently part of a development application or will not be part of a development application for at least 1 year from the date of the tree permit? (Category I permit)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the protected tree on property currently part of a development application in which the proposed construction may result in the destruction or removal of a protected tree? (Category II permit)

### Definitions:

- "Destroy" means an action that kills or endangers the health or vigor of a tree, and includes removal, relocation, excessive or improper pruning, topping, grading, irrigation, application of chemicals, trenching within the drip line or protected perimeter, soil compaction within the protected perimeter, or damage caused to the trunk or primary limbs during construction.
- "Development application" means an application to subdivide, alter, develop or use a property that, if approved, will require the issuance of a development permit, including a building or grading permit that may potentially result in the removal or destruction of a protected tree.
- "Undeveloped property" means a vacant parcel without an existing legal dwelling unit as defined in Section 6-320.