

City of Oakland Tree Permit Summary

Chapter 12.36 Oakland Municipal Code

Trees Permits are required for removal of the following Protected Trees:

- Coast Live Oak 4 inches diameter (at 54 inches above ground) or larger
- All other trees 9 inches diameter (at 54 inches above ground) or larger except Eucalyptus and Monterey Pines, with these exceptions:
 - Monterey Pines are protected on city property
 - Monterey Pines are also protected in a development-related situation when more than five trees per acre are removed.

Criteria for Permit Approval

- To insure public health and safety as it relates to the health of the tree, potential hazard to life or property, proximity to existing or proposed structures, or interference with utilities or sewers
- To avoid an unconstitutional regulatory taking of property
- To take reasonable advantage of views
- To pursue accepted practices of forestry or landscape design
- To implement prescriptive vegetation management purposes in the S-11 review zone

Grounds for Permit Denial

- Tree removal could be avoided by reasonable redesign of site plan or by trimming, thinning, tree surgery or other reasonable treatment
- Inadequate provisions for drainage, erosion control land stability or wind screen
- The tree is a member of a group of trees, dependent on the others for survival
- The value of the tree is greater than the cost of its preservation (development situations only)

Procedures for Tree Permit include

- Application to Tree Services with site plan
- Public noticing, posting and tree tags
- CEQA review
- Tree Services staff site inspection, plan review and decision

Appeals

Private property development and non-development related tree removals:

- Appeals may be made by the applicant or adjoining/confronting property owners
- Appeals must be filed within 5 working days after the date of decision by Tree Services.
- Appeals are made to City Council for development tree permits and to the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission for non-development tree permits. The decision of City Council/Commission is final

City-owned tree removals:

- Appeals may be made by any concerned City of Oakland resident

- Appeals must be filed within 5 working days after the date of decision by Tree Services
- Appeals are made to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC). The appeal hearing will be set for the next available PRAC meeting Decisions of the PRAC may be appealed to City Council
- The decision of City Council is final

For more details goto:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/o/TreeServices/OAK023057>