



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREE REMOVAL

On March 3, 2010, the City of El Monte adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 2753, thereby prohibiting the unauthorized removal of native and heritage trees on public and private property. The moratorium on tree removal will be in effect for an initial period of forty-five days and is scheduled to expire on April 16, 2010, unless extended by a 4/5th vote by the City Council at a public hearing.

The following trees are protected under this Urgency Ordinance and may NOT be removed without an authorized permit from the City of El Monte:

Protected Native Trees:

- *Aesculus californica* (California buckeye)
- *Alnus rhombifolia* (California Alder)
- *Juglans californica* (California Walnut)
- *Platanus racemosa* (California Sycamore)
- *Populus fremontii* (Cottonwood)
- *Populus trichocarpa* (Black cottonwood)
- *Quercus agrifolia* (Coast live oak)
- *Quercus berberidifolia* (Scrub oak)
- *Quercus chrysolepis* (Canyon oak)
- *Quercus engelmannii* (Engelmann oak)
- *Quercus lobata* (Valley Oak)
- *Salix lasiolepis* (Arroyo willow)
- *Umbellularia californica* (California bay)

Protected Heritage Trees (Any Species):

- Trees with a single trunk circumference of 36" or more as measured at a point 16" above the root crown
- Trees with multiple trunks with a combined diameter of 30" or more as measured at a point 54" above the root crown
- Trees with a height of 35' or more
- Any collective stand of trees the nature of which makes each dependent upon the other for survival

The Urgency Ordinance does allow for certain exemptions as follows:

Exemptions

- Previously approved projects
- Trees that can be proven to create an imminent threat to persons or property
- Tree trimming and removal by public utilities
- Trees that can be proven to cause damage or threat of damage to public infrastructure
- Trees that encroach upon required line of sights for vehicles
- Trees on property controlled/owned by the City of El Monte or the Redevelopment Agency.
- **Routine maintenance and trimming**

For the removal of trees that are not exempt from this Urgency Ordinance, the property owner must obtain a no-fee tree removal permit from the City prior to any removal or damage to the tree; failure to do so may result in monetary penalties. For more information on obtaining a tree removal permit, or for any questions related to this Urgency Ordinance, please contact the Planning Division at (626) 258-8626 or via email at planning@elmonteca.gov. The City of El Monte appreciates your cooperation in this important matter.

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Tree Removal Permit Application

Project Address: _____

Applicant's name: _____

Contact number: _____

Applicant's address: _____

Property Owner's name: _____

Contact number: _____

Property Owner's address: _____

Species	Circumference ¹	Diameter ²	Height ³

Reason(s) for a request for tree removal:

- Poses a threat to public safety or personal property
- Location of the tree is incompatible with the use or operation of the property
- Location of the tree is harming the tree's health
- Tree is interfering with utility service
- Diseased tree
- Dead tree
- Other: _____

Will the tree be replanted?

- Yes. Please provide the address below and submit site plan.

Address: _____

- No. Please provide a reason below.

Other filing requirements:

- Photographs of tree(s) proposed to be removed
- Site plan drawn to scale
- If applicant is not the property owner, submit written permission of the property owner(s) stating the applicant has permission to act on his or her behalf.
- If the tree is diseased or dead, submit a report from a certified arborist attesting to the condition of the tree and explaining why the tree cannot be feasibly saved.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date _____

¹ Circumference must be measured at a point sixteen inches (16") above the root crown

² Combined diameters of multiple trunks of a single tree shall be used to determine the tree's diameter

³ Height of tree is measured from the root crown to the highest point above the root crown