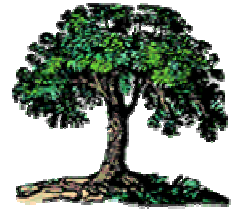




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Summary of the City of Davis Tree Planting, Preservation, and Protection Ordinance

What Is The Tree Ordinance?

The City of Davis acknowledges the importance of trees to the community's health, safety, welfare, and tranquility. Trees increase property values, provide visual continuity, provide shade and cooling, decrease wind velocities, control erosion, conserve energy, reduce stormwater runoff, filter airborne pollutants, reduce noise, provide privacy, provide habitat and food value, and release oxygen. On December 4, 2002, the City Council adopted the Tree Ordinance, Chapter 37 of the Municipal Code, to ensure that the community forest would be prudently protected and managed so as to ensure these multiple civic benefits.

What Types Of Trees Are Protected Under This Ordinance?

Landmark Trees: Any tree which has been determined by resolution of the City Council to be of high value because of its species, size, age, form, historical significance, or some other professional criterion. The Landmark Tree List, available from the Parks and Community Services Department, lists and identifies these trees.

Trees of Significance: Any tree which measures 5 inches or more in Diameter at Breast Height (4'-6" above ground height).

Street Trees: Any tree planted and/or maintained by the City, or recorded as a street tree, adjacent to a street or within a city easement or right-of-way, on private property, within the street tree easement. The Parks & Community Services Department maintains a master list of street trees.

City Trees: Any tree, other than a street tree, planted or maintained by the City within a City easement, right-of-way, park, greenbelt, public place or property owned or leased by the City.

Private Tree: Any tree privately owned and growing on private property, which may include a tree designated as a landmark tree and/or tree of significance, as defined within the definitions section of the Tree Ordinance, Chapter 37.

When Are Permits Required? Who Can I Contact?

The planting, pruning, or removal of any of the five types of protected trees listed above (including the modification of surrounding area) may require review and/or permitting, depending on the nature of the proposed work. The matrix on the opposite side of this page presents basic review process and contact information for tree permits in the City of Davis. It is the responsibility of property owners and/or residents of Davis to be aware of tree-related regulations before engaging in any planning or activity that may require new tree planting or may impact existing trees.

How Can I Get A Copy Of The Full Tree Ordinance And/Or A Tree Work Application?

Additional information, applications, and copies of the full tree ordinance are available at the Planning and Building Department (757-5610) and the Parks and Community Services Department (757-5626). Both departments are located at City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616. The full text of the tree ordinance, master street tree list, landmark tree lists, and general information on urban forestry is available on-line at:

Summary of Tree Work Review and Permitting

	New Planting	Tree Work Associated With a Building Permit or Discretionary Review Process	Tree Work <u>NOT</u> Associated With a Building Permit or Discretionary Review Process
Landmark Trees	<p>Process: Requires review and approval by the Planning and Building Department. Case may be referred to the Parks Director, City Arborist, and/or Tree Commission.</p>	<p>Process: Requires review and approval by the Planning and Building Department. Case may be referred to the Parks Director, City Arborist, and/or Tree Commission.</p> <p>A Tree Preservation Plan, approved by the City Arborist is required prior to commencement of any work (Sec. 37.05.010).</p> <p>Contact: Planning and Building 757-5610</p>	<p>Process: Requires review and approval by the Parks and Community Services Department. Case may be referred to the City Arborist, the Tree Commission, or both.</p> <p>Contact: Parks and Community Services 757-5626</p>
Trees of Significance	<p>Process: Requires review and approval by the Planning and Building Department. Case may be referred to the Parks Director, City Arborist, and/or Tree Commission.</p> <p>A Tree Preservation Plan, approved by the City Arborist is required prior to commencement of any work (Sec. 37.05.010).</p>	<p>Process: Requires review and approval by the Planning and Building Department. Case may be referred to the Parks Director, City Arborist, and/or Tree Commission.</p> <p>A Tree Preservation Plan, approved by the City Arborist is required prior to commencement of any work (Sec. 37.05.010).</p> <p>Contact: Parks & Community Services / City Arborist 757-5626 Planning & Building 757-5610</p>	<p>Process: Tree Modification Permit required for substantial pruning or removal on all properties except single family or duplex.</p> <p>Contact: Parks & Community Services / City Arborist 757-5626</p>
Street Trees	<p>Process: City street tree planting required of subdividers, developers and property owners (Sec 37.02.010).</p> <p>Contact: Parks & Community Services / City Arborist 757-5626 Planning & Building 757-5610</p>	<p>Process: Street tree planting may be required as a condition of project improvements. Any removal or modification will require an application and approved permit(s). May be referred to the Tree Commission.</p> <p>Contact: Parks & Community Services / City Arborist 757-5626 Planning & Building 757-5610</p>	<p>Process: Removal requests or Tree Modification Applications are submitted to Arborist & reviewed by Tree Commission.</p> <p>City Arborist shall be contacted regarding Street Tree planting or replacement.</p> <p>Contact: Parks & Community Services / City Arborist 757-5626.</p>

Information Regarding Other Tree Related Processes:

Protection of Trees During Construction (including remodeling and demolition): Prior to any site work, all trees to be preserved must be protected in accordance with the Tree Preservation and Protection Standards as determined in a project specific Tree Preservation Plan (37.05), available at Parks & Community Services and Planning & Building Department.

Parking Lot Trees: Refer to separate handout available at Planning and Building Department for guidelines related to the tree shading of parking lots for multi-family residential, commercial and public parking lots. Guidelines include the master parking lot tree list, how to calculate the required 50% shading, and specifications for parking lot planters, tree plantings, irrigation and future maintenance.

Violations and Enforcement: Violations of the tree ordinance are subject to enforcement. Violators may be subject to a civil penalty equal to the value of the removed, destroyed or disfigured tree.