

**For More
Information**

For further information regarding Tree Removal Permits or other land use regulations, please contact the City of Rohnert Park, Development Services at (707) 588-2236

We hope you find this brochure a convenient and useful source of information about Rohnert Park land use regulations. Be sure to also visit the City's Website:

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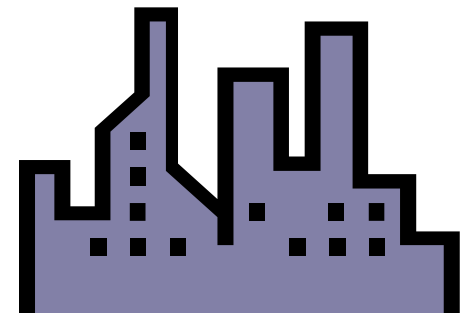
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**TREE
PRESERVATION &
PROTECTION**

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Tree Preservation & Protection

Trees that are located on *private property* may be subject to rules and regulations as established by the Zoning Code Chapter 17.15—*Tree Preservation & Protection*. This law was adopted by the City Council and became effective on May 25, 2007.

Before removing, altering, or relocating a tree on your property it is important to fully understand the extent of the law and whether or not it applies to your situation. The following information explains the law and how you may be affected.

Exemptions

The *Tree Preservation & Protection Ordinance* contains some automatic exemptions. For example, the following situations do not require a tree removal permit:

a) The removal of any tree that is located on a residential lot that is fully developed with a detached single family residence; **b)** Tree pruning, when consistent with the current ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) standards; **c)**

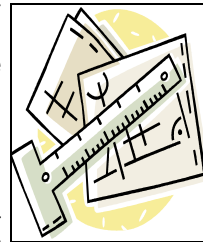


The removal of certain tree species, including: Acacia, Tree of Heaven, Eucalyptus, Liquidambar, Monterey Pine, Poplar, and Privet; **d)** The removal of any tree that is (in the opinion of the City's Arborist) inappropriately located and should be removed in order to protect real property; **e)** The removal of any tree that is (in the opinion of the City's Arborist) a threat to the public's safety; and **f)** The removal of orchard trees.

Getting a Tree Removal Permit

If the tree proposed for removal, alteration, or relocation is not exempt, then a tree removal permit must be obtained from the Department of Community Development. The following items will need to be submitted:

Application Form: (1 copy) - Completed application form. The property owner's signature is required.



Site Plan: (12 copies) - Scaled site plan showing the location of the tree to be removed, altered, or relocated; adjacent structures; utilities; and dimensioned distances from the tree to the property line and/or structures.

Description: (1 copy) - A brief description including the number of affected trees, type, diameter, and height. Also include the reason for removal, alteration, or relocation.

Report: (1 signed copy) - A letter or report that describes the health and condition of the tree. This report must be prepared by a licensed and certified Arborist.

Photographs: (1 set) - Pictures of the tree to be removed, altered, or relocated.

Review and Process

Applications for tree removal, alteration, or relocation are referred to the City Arborist for review and comment. Notification of the request for a tree removal permit are also sent to adjacent property owners for comment. If there are any objections to the request that cannot be resolved, the request

is forwarded to the Planning Commission for action. Applications that are not contested may be handled administratively by Department Staff.

Replacement Trees

Any tree that has been approved for removal shall be replaced. The replacement formula is based on the value of the tree and tree replacement can be in the form of an in-lieu fee or actual tree planting. See Zoning Code Section 17.15.050 *Tree Replacement* for details.

Fees and Security Deposits

The application fee for a tree removal clearance permit is \$237.00. For larger projects that propose to protect and preserve on-site trees, it may be necessary to deposit a security to ensure that the on-site trees will survive the proposed development and construction activities.

Trees on Public Property

For information about trees on public property (e.g., street trees or park trees) please contact Rohnert Park Department of Public Works at (707) 588-3300.