

EFFECTIVE MARCH 12TH

TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

City of San Marino Tree Preservation

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The ordinance applies to residential and commercial areas in the City. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect trees. If you wish to remove or trim a tree, please apply for a permit with the City. Failure to abide to this ordinance could lead to enforcement remedies and penalties.

TREE TRIMMING

- Please submit a tree trimming application if you would like to trim a tree.
- You will need a tree trimming permit if:
 - More than 10% of an oak tree will be pruned;
 - More than 20% of a heritage or established tree will be pruned.

TREE REMOVAL

- If you would like to remove a tree, please submit a tree removal application to the Community Development Department.
 - If you are removing an Established, Heritage, or Oak tree, you must state whether the tree:
 - Adversely impacts the growth of adjacent trees,
 - Is a nuisance or hazard to persons or property,
 - Removal is part of re-landscaping plan that will provide tree canopy replacement over long term.

TREE TRANSPLANTS

- Before transplanting a tree, please have the new location approved by the Community Development Department. Then, have a certified arborist oversee the process.
 - If the tree dies within one year, you will be required to plant another comparable replacement tree.



Contact Community
Development Director:
Aldo Cervantes
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TRIMMING

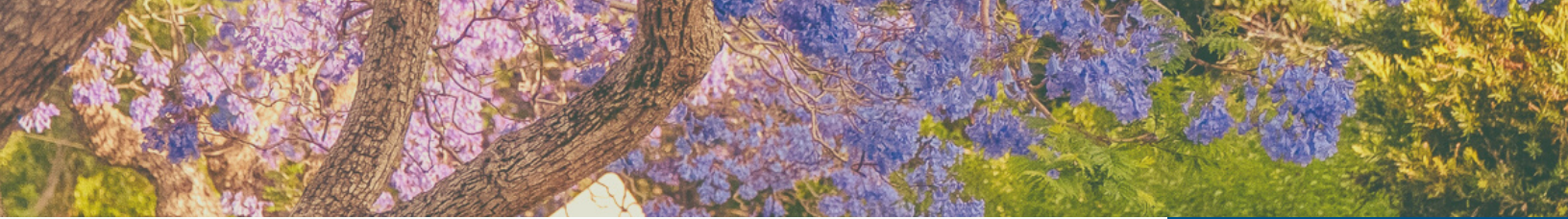
Application required for
Oak and Heritage Trees

REMOVAL

Applications required
for all trees

TREE TRANSPLANTS

Location must be
approved & arborist
must supervise



NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Once you obtain your tree removal permit, please provide notice to your neighbors.
- Within 100 feet from the tree at least 15 days before the removal.
- Post an 8.5" x 11" notice for at least 15 days on the tree.
- If the tree is not visible to the public right-of-way, place the notice in a location that is visible.

PERMIT EXPIRATION & INSPECTION

- The permit is valid for a limited amount of time. The removal should be completed within 90 days from when the permit is issued.

EMERGENCY TREE REMOVALS

- An emergency tree removal may be approved when there's a hazardous or unsafe condition. The permit will only allow work that corrects the problem.
- For an emergency tree removal permit, the property owner may submit an application tree hazard report to the Director.

VIOLATION, ENFORCEMENT & RESTORATION

- If you violate the code you may be liable for remedies determined by the City Code. Please note that persons who violate these provisions may be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- If you damage or remove a tree you must:
 - Pay the standard inspection fee, pay double the required permit fee, plant double the number of replacement trees required, & pay double the tree replacement fine in the amount of the value of the destroyed, removed, or damaged tree (The City arborist will determine value with the ISA Guide).
- Failure to pay may lead to:
 - Civil action,
 - Use of a debt collection agency,
 - A lien on the subject property.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

cityofsanmarino.org/treepreservation

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NOTIFICATION
Neighbors &
Signage

PERMIT TIME
90 days, may apply
for extension

EMERGENCY
REMOVALS
Tree Hazard Report

VIOLATION
Remedies include
fees and tree
replacements

