

Chapter 21.90: Trees

21.90.010 PURPOSE

The purpose of this tree ordinance is to provide a system for tree retention to support and enhance the City's theme as a Recreation Community.

21.90.020 TREE RETENTION

1. A group of trees that is, on average, eight (8) feet tall or greater shall not be reduced by more than thirty (30) percent.
2. This section does not apply to hazardous trees or when there is no practicable alternative to removing the trees, as determined by the Planning Director in the Director's sole discretion. A "hazardous tree" is one that has foreseeable potential for falling and causing property damage or personal injury. Within commercial and industrial zones, an arborist shall provide a written statement verifying the hazard. In residential zones, the property owner shall provide a written statement and photographs verifying the hazard.
3. Any tree that is removed shall be replanted on the same lot within one (1) year unless the Planning Director determines that an adequate number of trees remain on the property.
4. All new development shall incorporate trees within the development.
5. When a protected tree lies within an area where development is scheduled to occur and no alternative exists to removing the tree, a new tree must be planted for every tree that is removed.

21.90.030 PERMIT REQUIRED

A permit shall be obtained for removal of any tree that stands eight (8) feet tall or higher. A fee shall be paid as approved by the City Council.