



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

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TREE REGULATION INFORMATION

When Pacific Grove first became established as a community, one of its greatest natural scenic resources was an abundance of native pine, cypress and oak trees. These trees served to enhance the quality of life in many ways. They provided clean air, served as a windbreak, controlled erosion, muffled street noise and were the natural habitats of many woodland dwellers. The people of Pacific Grove have historically placed a high value on these trees and, while many have been lost to building sites and old age, those remaining are subject to strict ordinance protection, whether they are native or introduced species, naturally occurring or planted more recently by residents of the city.

If you own, or are considering purchasing a property within the city which has trees on it, or on public lands adjacent to it, you should become familiar with the provisions of the Tree Ordinance* which specifies maintenance obligations and conditions under which trees may be removed or trimmed severely. Violation of this ordinance may result in a fine.

In Pacific Grove, a property owner is responsible not only for the care and maintenance of all trees on his own property, but also those on adjacent public lands, rights-of-way or sidewalks. These trees must be kept in a safe and aesthetically pleasing condition. It is necessary to inform the City Forester before commencing any tree removal or substantial tree trimming project. A permit is required, an on-site consultation is advised, and an appropriate replacement tree may be specified as a condition of removal. The Community Development Department will make copies of the Tree Ordinance available on request. Also, a list of trees suitable to this area has been prepared, should you wish to consult it.

We regard our trees highly and strive to maintain their healthy condition and abundance. Your cooperation and assistance toward this end is greatly appreciated.

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* Pacific Grove Municipal Code Chapter 12.16 – You can review on-line at www2.ci.pacific-grove.ca.us