



CITY OF PINOLE

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TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION

The City values its natural features as an integral part of the city life. The purpose of the City of Pinole Municipal Code Chapter 17.96 is to ensure that certain species of trees and/or trees of a significant size are treated as important natural features in the city.

Property Address:	Assessor's Parcel No.:
Owner Information: Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____	Applicant Information (if different from owner): Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

TREES TO BE ALTERED OR REMOVED

Species (see reverse side for list of protected trees)	Circumference measured at 4' 6" above natural grade	Reason for Removal

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Site plan, drawn to scale, showing property lines, existing structures, and the location of the proposed tree(s) to be removed.
- Photos of the proposed tree(s) to be removed.
- A Certified Arborist Report, unless the reason for removal is evident such as the tree is clearly dying.
- Completed application signed by the property owner authorizing the tree removal.
- Application fee of \$226.00.

Protected Tree: Protected tree(s) requiring a Tree Removal Permit

1. Select native trees with a single perennial stem of twelve (12) inches or larger in circumference measured four (4) and a half feet above the natural grade. The list of select trees includes:

- Coast Live Oak
- Madrone
- Buckeye
- Black Walnut
- Redwood
- Big Leafed Maple
- Redbud
- California Bay
- Toyon

❖ For convenience in the field, circumferences are considered equivalent to diameter as follows:

Diameter	Circumference
4 inches	12 inches
9 inches	28 inches
12 inches	37 inches
18 inches	56 inches

2. Any other non-native tree with a single perennial stem greater than fifty-six (56) inches or larger in circumference measured four and a half (4 ½) feet above the natural grade.

Unprotected Trees: Exempt from Tree Removal Permit

1. Tree species specifically excluded from protection regardless of size or health include any other species of nut or fruit trees, palm trees, and eucalyptus trees.
2. Any native tree species smaller than twelve (12) inches in circumference or any non-native tree smaller than fifty-six (56) inches in circumference measured at four and a half (4 ½) above the natural grade is excluded from protection.

17.96.050 REMOVAL OF PROTECTED TREE(S) DUE TO THE HEALTH OF THE TREE

- A. Review by Community Development Director - The Community Development Director shall grant the permit if he or she makes either of the following findings:
 1. The condition of the protected tree(s) with respect to disease, species, form, general health, damage, public nuisance, danger of falling, proximity to existing structures, interference with utility services, or damage to existing sidewalks and driveways warrants its (their) removal and such condition cannot reasonably be remedied through less drastic means.
 2. The protected tree(s) acts as a host for a parasitic plant or insect which may endanger other protected tree(s) in the area and cannot reasonably be controlled through less drastic means.
- B. Conditions of Approval - Whenever any protected tree removal permit is granted, the Community Development Director shall impose such conditions as may be necessary to safeguard the public safety and the intent of this chapter. A protected tree removal permit shall become null and void if the privileges granted there under have not been utilized within one (1) year from the effective date thereof. The conditions will be in addition to those set forth in Section 17.96.060C.
- C. Notice of the Decision - The decision of the Community Development Director shall be mailed to the applicant within ten (10) working days.

Applicant Signature

Date