

# CITY OF EL MONTE

## Community & Economic Development Department

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### TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

#### PART I. PROPERTY LOCATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or Assessor Parcel Nos. (APNs)

#### PART II. TREES ON PROPERTY:

1. Existing Trees:

Total number of existing trees on the property: \_\_\_\_\_ trees

If there are no existing trees on the property, submit photographs(s) clearly showing such. In addition, none of the remaining form needs to be completed.

If there are trees, a Tree Survey Plan is required.

2. Tree Survey Plan: Identify trees on the subject property, trees on adjacent properties (if located within five (5) feet of the subject property) and street trees along the frontages of the subject property. The plan shall include a map showing the precise location of the trunk and an index showing the tree species, trunk circumference and height. The plan shall identify any trees that meet the criteria to be protected. Finally, the plan shall identify any trees proposed for removal (whether protected or non-protected).

Total number of protected trees on the property: \_\_\_\_\_ native trees

\_\_\_\_\_ heritage trees

Total number of non-protected trees on the property: \_\_\_\_\_ non-protected trees

Total number of street trees along the street frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ street trees

Total number of trees proposed to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_ protected trees

\_\_\_\_\_ street trees

\_\_\_\_\_ non-protected trees

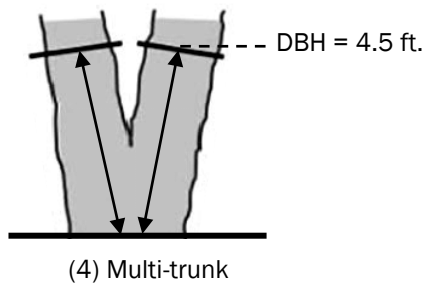
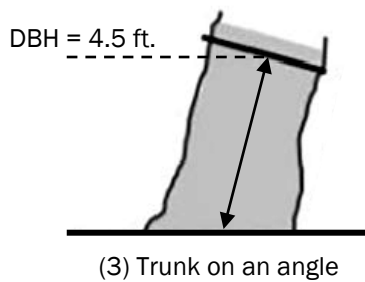
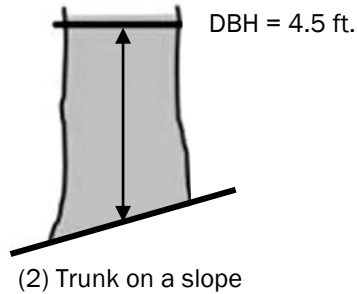
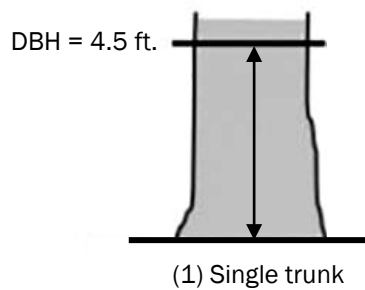
If any protected trees are proposed for removal or protected trees are within 10 feet of any proposed grading or construction, an arborist report is required.

3. Arborist Report: In addition to the information in the Tree Survey Plan, an Arborist Report by a certified arborist shall specify the dripline and health of all existing protected trees and trees. It shall also include a tree protection plan for any protected trees proposed to remain.

### **PART III. IDENTIFYING PROTECTED TREES:**

1. California Native Trees: Any species of tree on the list below, with a trunk more than 25 inches in circumference, as measured at 4.5 feet above the root crown, is a Protected Native Tree:
  - a. *Aesculus californica* (California Buckeye);
  - b. *Inus rhombifolia* (California Alder);
  - c. *Juglans californica* (California Walnut);
  - d. *Platanus racemosa* (California Sycamore);
  - e. *Populus femontii* (Cottonwood);
  - f. *Populus trichocarpa* (Black Cottonwood);
  - g. *Quercus agrifolia* (Coast Live Oak);
  - h. *Quercus berberidifolia* (Scrub Oak);
  - i. *Quercus chysolepis* (Canyon Oak);
  - j. *Quercus engelmannii* (Engelmann Oak);
  - k. *Quercus lobata* (Valley Oak);
  - l. *Salix lasiolepis* (Arroyo Willow); and
  - m. *Umbellularia californica* (California Bay).
  
2. Heritage Trees: Any species of tree, which is not a California native that meets any of the following criteria is a Protected Heritage Tree:
  - a. Trees with a single-trunk circumference of 36 inches or more as measured at a point 4.5 feet above the root crown;
  - b. Trees with multiple trunks that have a combined circumference of 75 inches or more as measured at a point 4.5 feet above the root crown;
  - c. Trees with a height of 35 feet or more;
  - d. Any collective stand of trees the nature of which makes each dependent upon the others for survival; and
  - e. Any other tree may be deemed historically or culturally significant by the City Arborist or Economic Development Director because of its size, connection to the City's history, location or aesthetic qualities.
  
3. Other Protected Trees: All public trees including street trees.
  
4. Non-Protected Trees:
  - a. All fruit or nut bearing trees.
  - b. All species of palm trees.
  - c. Trees which are determined by the City Arborist or Director of Public Works that meet one of the following conditions:
    - Are a hazard and/or pose a threat to public safety or personal property;
    - Have caused damage or potential to damage public infrastructure;
    - Require maintenance or removal action for the protection of existing electrical power or communication lines or other public utilities; and
    - The removal is necessary to obtain adequate line-of-sight distances.

#### PART IV. MEASURING CIRCUMFERENCE:



1. Single trunk: Trees with fairly straight, upright trunks should be measured 4.5 feet above the ground.
2. Trunk on a slope: The trunk circumference should be measured at right angles to the trunk 4.5 feet along the center of the trunk axis.
3. Trunk on an angle: The trunk circumference should be measured at right angles to the trunk 4.5 feet along the center of the trunk axis.
4. Multi-trunk tree: Measure the circumference of all the trunks, each at 4.5 feet from the ground and add the circumferences together.

#### PART V. TREE REPLACEMENT POLICY:

1. All removed trees shall be replaced with a tree ratio of 2:1.
2. A minimum of two (2), 36-inch box trees shall be planted on the subject property or adjacent public right-of-way, for every tree removed or an in-lieu fee may be paid into the Tree Mitigation and Planting Fund for each replacement fee.

## TREE REMOVAL FINDINGS:

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Street Address or Assessor Parcel Nos. (APNs)

### **PART II. FINDINGS:**

Before a Tree Removal Permit may be granted, any one (1) or more of the following findings must be made:

1. The conditions of the tree(s) is such as to create a hazardous condition;
2. The tree(s) pose a threat to the public health and safety;
3. The tree(s) are dead, severely diseased or decayed, infested, and in a state of irreversible decline;
4. The tree(s) have an abnormal or incorrectable structure or appearance due to severe pruning practices;
5. The tree(s) significantly interfere with utilities and utility service; and/or
6. The tree(s) are causing damage to structures as follows:
  - a. Sidewalks, curbs, drives, buildings and other structures. Removal shall be granted if the cost to repair the damage exceeds the appraised value of the tree (using the method established by the most recent Guide for Plan Appraisals, by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers) or if the tree is incompatible with the growing space or proposed development; and/or
  - b. Sewer, gas, electrical, water and other utilities. Removal shall be granted if it can be determined that the tree caused the damage to the utility. It will be the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate the cause. Interference with underground utilities, which can be rerouted or repaired and protected from root pruning, generally does not constitute grounds for tree removal.

Finding # \_\_\_\_\_

Finding # \_\_\_\_\_ (if more than one (1) are selected)

Finding # \_\_\_\_\_ (if more than two (2) are selected)

**PART III. SIGNATURE:**

By signing this application form, I hereby acknowledge that the information contained herein, or subsequently submitted, is true and correct to my knowledge.

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Signature Date

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Name (print) Phone No. or E-mail Address