



TOWN OF MORAGA

PLANNING DEPARTMENT TREE REMOVAL PERMIT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Staff Use

Fee Paid: \$_____

Tree Removal Guidelines

A Tree is a live woody plant having a single trunk diameter of five (5) inches or more, measured three (3) feet above the natural grade or, if having multiple trunks, a total perimeter of forty (40) inches or more measured three (3) feet above the natural grade per *Moraga Municipal Code (MMC)§ 12.12.020*.

A *General Tree* is a tree other than a native tree, an orchard tree, or tree of historic significance.

A *Native Tree* is a tree, which is native to California and indigenous to the Moraga area, the most common being the bay, oak, redwood, toyon and the knobcone pine.

A *Orchard Tree* or trees are fruit or nut trees planted for commercial agricultural purposes.

A *Tree of Historic Significance* is a tree having historic value related to the heritage of the town and designated by action of the town council.

A person who desires to cut down, destroy, or remove, a native tree, an orchard tree or a tree of historic significance, located either on public or private property, shall file this application with the Planning Director. In granting a permit, the Planning Director may impose reasonable conditions to ensure compliance for the purpose of the chapter. If the permit is denied, the Planning Director shall specify the basis for denial.

Tree Removal – Application Fees/Deposits – Please Select the Following

Tree Removal Fee

Please see the Town of Moraga [Master Fee Schedule](#) for appropriate fee/deposit and note the following:

- All credit card transactions will incur a 4% processing fee.
- No application will be deemed to be submitted, nor shall the application be reviewed or acted on by the Town, until such fee is received.
- Deposit based projects: The Advanced Planning Surcharge is collected from the deposit.

Tree Classification Information

Tree Species and Number Proposed for Removal:

Classification(s) of the Tree(s) (Check any that apply)

- Native Tree:** native to California and indigenous to the Moraga area, the most common being the bay, oak, redwood, and knobcone pine, for a complete list please contact the planning department.
- Orchard Tree:** a fruit or nut tree that was planted for commercial agricultural purposes.
- Tree of Historic Significance:** a tree so designated by the Town Council.

Required Supporting Information (include as separate attachments)

Standard Planning Application.

Site Plan – Mark X for tree(s) to be removed. Photographs

Arborist Report

Please indicate reasons for removal, based on any of the following criteria as applicable

Does the tree have any diseases? What type? _____

What is the general health of the tree? _____

Is there existing damage to the tree? How is it damaged? _____

Is the condition of the tree a public nuisance? How? _____

Is the tree in danger of falling? _____

Is the tree within proximity to existing or proposed structures? _____

Does the tree interfere with utility service or other facilities? How? _____

Is the removal of the tree consistent with good forestry practice? _____

DETERMINATION (To be completed by Staff)

APPROVED:

Conditions: _____

DENIED:

Reasoning: _____

Planning Director

Date

Native Tree List

Acer macrophyllum – **Big Leaf Maple**
Acer negundo [Acer negundo var. californicum] – **Box Elder**
Aesculus californica - **Buckeye**
Alnus rhombifolia – **White Alder**
Alnus rubra – **Red Alder**
Arbutus menziesii – **Madrone, Pacific Madrone**
Ceanothus oliganthus var. sorediatus – **Jim Bush**
Cercocarpus betuloides var. betuloides – **Mountain Mahogany**
Chrysolepis chrysophylla var. minor – **Golden Chinquapin**
Corylus cornuta subsp. *Californica* [Corylus cornuta var. *californica*] – **Filbert, Hazel**
Euonymus occidentalis var. occidentalis – **Burning Bush**
Forestiera pubescens – **Desert Olive**
Fraxinus dipetala – **Foothill Ash, California Ash**
Fraxinus latifolia – **Oregon Ash**
Hesperocyparis sargentii [Cupressus sargentii] – **Sargent Cypress**
Juglans hindsii [Juglans californica var. *hindsii*] – **Black Walnut**
Juniperus californica – **California Juniper**
Morella californica [Myrica californica] – **Wax Myrtle**
Pinus attenuata – **Knobcone Pine**
Pinus coulteri – **Coulter Pine, Big Cone Pine**
Pinus sabiniana – **Gray Pine, Foothill Pine**
Platanus racemosa – **Western Sycamore**
Populus fremontii subsp. *fremontii* – **Fremont Cottonwood**
Populus trichocarpa [Populus balsamifera ssp. *trichocarpa*] – **Black Cottonwood**
Prunus emarginata – **Bitter Cherry**
Prunus ilicifolia subsp. *ilicifolia* – **Holly Leaf Cherry**
Prunus virginiana var. *demissa* – **Western Choke-Cherry**
Quercus agrifolia var. *agrifolia* – **Coast Live Oak**
Quercus berberidifolia – **Scrub Oak**
Quercus chacei – **Gander Oak**
Quercus chrysolepis – **Canyon Live Oak, White Live Oak, Maul Oak**
Quercus douglasii – **Blue Oak, Iron Oak**
Quercus durata var. *durata* – **Leather Oak**
Quercus kelloggii – **California Black Oak**
Quercus lobata – **Valley Oak, Roble**
Quercus palmeri – **Palmer's Oak**
Quercus wislizeni var. *frutescens* – **Interior Live Oak**
Quercus wislizeni var. *wislizeni* – **Interior Live Oak**
Salix exigua – **Sandbar Willow, Narrow-Leaved Willow**
Salix gooddingii – **Gooding's Black Willow**
Salix laevigata – **Red Willow**
Salix lasiolepis – **Arroyo Willow**
Salix lasiandra var. *caudata* [Salix lucinda ssp. *lasiandra*] – **Shining Willow**
Salix scouleriana – **Scouler's Willow**
Sambucus nigra subsp. *caerulea* [Sambucus mexicana] – **Blue Elderberry**
Sambucus racemosa var. *racemosa* – **Red Elderberry**
Sequoia sempervirens – **Coast Redwood**
Umbellularia californica – **California Bay Laurel**