



# 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, toyan 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

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**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 attenuate* – **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 chasei* – **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**