

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

What suggestions do you have for ensuring that protected trees/landscaping are not removed or excessively pruned without a permit?

Is the current Parks & Recreation permit process working?

- All tree maintenance work should be required to be done by Certified Arborists
- Requiring permits etc on normal landscaping functions, tree trimming/replacement of non native or non-City or set back trees is going too far.

Would a “Certification Program” be beneficial?

- Make sure that all "certified" landscapers are licensed and insured.
- Education is KEY

Is the proposed fines structure appropriate?

- Fines should be raised
- Equal fine amounts for property owners and professionals
- Fine property owners who will not or cannot bring forth the violating “professional”.
- I know many people that would gladly pay \$100 to damage or remove their tree. This penalty has no teeth
- Tree value could be determined by the ISA Trunk Formula Method. Tree values are based on species, size (trunk diameter), condition, and location
- City tree penalties could be determined by a replacement cost that is based on large boxed and installed trees
- The heavy fine structure is to encourage property owners and tree companies to get a permit
- Fines should be higher for unlicensed contractors or people who do not hold a business license.

Should we expand regulation to include 8” or larger Oak and Sycamore trees anywhere on private property?

- Do not agree with extension of city requirements to all oaks and sycamores on private residential property
- Support tree removal permit requirements on native trees
- Support 100% saving all native trees

What other enforcement measures should be considered?

- The ordinance you are proposing should include distinctive trees in unique and historic locations as well as the skyline and canopy trees that comprise our urban forest

How can we educate others about City regulations?

- Needs to be clearer communication on the regulations, rules, and designations of Historic districts or Specimen trees
- Specimen trees representing species unique to Santa Barbara need special protection

Other

- Strongly oppose further city review of landscapes with Approved Landscape Plans
- Landscape decisions (those not involving tree removal) should not require a lengthy permit or review process
- Minor landscape changes should not require plans by a landscape architect, justification to the city, review by the ABR, or the time and money required to get a permit
- Set a time limit on landscape plan modifications requirements
- If a property has been permitted with an approved landscape plan the owner is required to maintain the plantings as approved
- Establish temporary funds for enforcement of updated ordinances
- Establish education task force that includes commercial, property mgmt, tree care professionals to get word out effectively