



City of Pomona Planning Division

Historic Districts and Historic Sites

Updates to the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program

On May 18, 2020, City Council amended the **Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program** to further protect and preserve the City's urban forestry within its Historic Districts and Historic Sites to disincentivize the removal of mature trees while ensuring the public welfare.

Please refer to the following sections in relation to the changes made to the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program:

TRIMMING AND PRUNING OF TREES WITHIN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

All trees, with the exception of oak trees, located within historic districts and historic sites throughout the City that are pruned or trimmed in conformance with the most current guidelines of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300-Pruning Standards do not require a permit.

Pruning or trimming of any tree that deviates from these guidelines and pruning or trimming of any oak tree will require a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness.

REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND/OR HISTORIC SITES

Removal of any and all Character-Defining Landscaping, as defined by City Council Resolution No. 2020-55, is subject to obtaining a **Minor Certificate of Appropriateness** and a replacement of removed landscaping based on the criteria established as follows:

	Permitted Removals	Unpermitted Removals
Removal Process	A Minor Certificate of Appropriateness (MINCOA) is obtained based on the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The removal of a tree as a danger to Public Welfare2. The removal of a tree confirmed to be dead or diseased by the City Arborist	Should a tree be removed without having obtained a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness, a retroactive application will be required. If a tree removal occurs during any construction authorized by a discretionary land use approval or permit, a stop-work order may be issued to prohibit further activity until a mitigation plan has been filed and approved by the Planning Manager
Replacement Ratios	Permitted removals use tree replacement ratio based on objective methodology to replace benefit loss of removed trees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-lieu fee may be paid as replacement• Replacement must be made <u>within one year of approval</u>	Unpermitted removals use tree replacement ratio based on objective methodology to replace benefit loss of removed trees, multiplied by two <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-lieu fee may be paid as replacement• Replacement must be made <u>within one year of approval</u>

All MINCOA decisions can be appealed to the Historic Preservation Commission by any interested parties within twenty (20) days of the decision. Decisions of the Historic Preservation commission are also appealable to the City Council.

This form is intended for informational purposes only and does not include all revised standards.

See City Council Resolution No. 2020-55 (effective May 18, 2020) for all applicable standards.