



# Tree Permit Review Criteria (August - 2017)

## Criteria for Permit Determination

(a) The reviewing authority must base its determination to approve, conditionally approve or deny an application for a tree removal permit on a balancing of the criteria in subsection (c). When the reviewing authority determines one or more criteria does not support removal, it must consider whether reasonable conditions would mitigate the circumstances that do not support removal under the criteria.

(b) The reviewing authority shall issue a permit to remove the following trees without consideration of the criteria in subsection (c): 1) Blue Gum Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*); 2) Dwarf Blue Gum Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus* 'Compacta'); 3) Monterey Pine; 4) Palm (all species); 5) Acacia (all species); 6) a dead tree (any species); and 7) Any tree that a public utility is required to remove under California Public Utility Commission regulations.

(c) Criteria.

(1) Criteria Supporting Removal	(2) Criteria Supporting Retention
<p>(A) The tree is: (i) in poor condition; (ii) at the relative end of its life span of the particular species; (iii) diseased or infested beyond reasonable remediation; (iv) has poor structural integrity; (v) is in danger of falling; or, (vi) poses a safety hazard.</p> <p>(B) The particular tree species is undesirable due to characteristics such as invasiveness, tendency toward limb failure, and fire hazard.</p> <p>(C) The tree is damaging or interfering with existing structures, site improvements, or utility services.</p> <p>(D) Removal of the tree is needed in order to construct improvements or otherwise allow conforming use of the property.</p> <p>(E) Proximity of the tree to existing or proposed structures.</p>	<p>(A) The tree is located outside of the developable area of the property.</p> <p>(B) The tree and its location contribute substantially to the aesthetic appeal of the property or the neighborhood.</p> <p>(C) The effect of the requested tree removal on the remaining number, species, size and location of existing trees on the site and in the area, including trees mutually dependent on each other for survival, structural integrity or aesthetics.</p>