

PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE REMOVAL PERMIT Single-Family & Duplex Lots

*Streamlining for
Efficiency and Cost Recovery*

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San Jose's Urban Forest

- Comprised of over 1,000,000 trees on private and public property
- Contributes to a sense of community pride and ownership
- Provides social, economic and environmental benefits
- Integral part of the City's Green Vision Goal of "Planting 100,000 new trees"



Challenges with Current Process for Single-Family Lots

- Time consuming mandatory public hearing for all live trees
- Minimal input from adjacent residents as a result of noticing
- No Permit Appeals in 2008
- Overdependence on involvement of Arborist review
- No ability to consider nuisance situations



Nuisance Situations



Tree too large for site and it overwhelms the house and yard

Pine trees planted on slope in irrigated area has led to poor growth and health of trees over time



Council Direction Requested

- Modify public hearing requirement
- Change noticing policy
- Amend regulations to include ability to consider nuisance situations
- Amend regulations to include tree appropriate replacement/mitigation standards
- Establish a fee to cover cost of service