

Oak Tree Preservation: Education and Outreach

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Monrovia City Council



Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance

At the April 6 City Council meeting, staff provided an overview of the City's Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance which:

- Encourages the protection of mature oak trees citywide through the implementation of a Oak Tree Preservation Permit process.
- Requires a permit for removal or significant pruning of a protected oak trees.
- Exempts trees in the rear yards of single family properties.

City Council Discussion

The Council discussed various aspects and considerations in their review of the regulations, including:

- Expansion of the ordinance to include all oak trees.
- Requiring a residents to come to City Hall to get a “permit” before removing an unprotected oak tree to allow staff to provide information and explore options before the tree is removed.
- Provide increased community education.
- Status quo

Oak Tree-Edu Campaign

- Update the City's website with additional information
- "Best practices" handout
- Information Video
- Press release/CM Update
- Other outreach opportunities such as MAP events
- Oak awareness month – April (Arbor Day) or "OAKtober"