

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

AUGUST 19, 2025

PRESENTATION

Item #9

PH 25-037

**Tree Preservation
Ordinance**

Tree Preservation Ordinance Update

City Council Meeting – August 19, 2025
Peter Jensen, Landscape Architect
Jeremy Lochirco, Planning Manager



✓ **Tree Protection Ordinance**

- Sets policies and guidelines to preserve and expand tree canopy
- Last updated in 2002

✓ **City Strategic Roadmap**

- Fulfill Goal C11 to Update Ordinance

✓ **Aligns with Climate Action Plan and Hayward 2040 General Plan**

✓ **Work Sessions and Public Hearings**

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| • City Council | Sept 2024 |
| • Planning Commission | Oct 2024 |
| • Planning Commission | Feb 2025 |
| • City Council | March 2025 |
| • Planning Commission | June 2025 |

Background & Scope



✓ **Clarified Intent, Process and Goals with Update**

✓ **Revised or Added Definitions**

- City Property
- Tree Canopy
- Tree Maintenance
- Topping

✓ **Added Reference to Street Tree list in Appendix**

✓ **Revised and Consolidated Criteria for Heritage Trees Removals and Appeals**

✓ **Reorganized Ordinance for Clarity**



Updates Following Work Session Feedback



- ✓ **Preservation of Native Trees on Private Property**
- ✓ **Heritage Tree Designation**
- ✓ **Mitigation for Development Projects**
- ✓ **In Lieu Fees**
- ✓ **Tree Removal Penalty**
- ✓ **Reduce Permit Duration**
- ✓ **Addition of a Guiding Appendix & Website**



- ✓ **The proposed Text Amendments are categorically exempt from CEQA per Section(s) 15307 & 15308 of CEQA Guidelines**
- ✓ **Since final Ordinance publication, staff has received several comments from the public**

Ordinance Update Highlights



Adopted Master Fee Schedule
Fiscal Year 2025-26

Interim Director of Finance: Sharif Etman

Tree Removal Permit Sliding Scale

- 2 or less \$392
- 3 to 5 \$768
- 6 to 8 \$960
- 9 or more \$1000 deposit + time and materials
- Heritage Tree \$1000 deposit + time and materials

Pruning Permit Fee

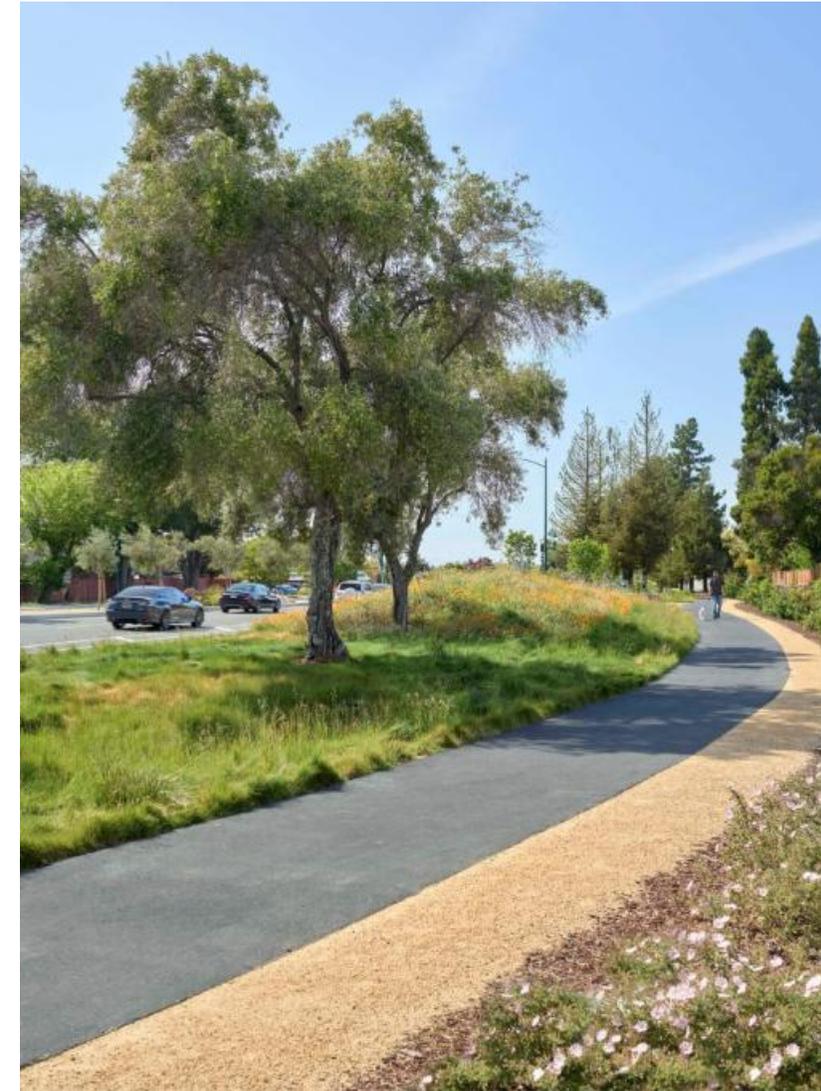
- 2 or less \$196
- 3 or more \$588
- Heritage Tree \$392

Annual Pruning Permit Fee * \$817

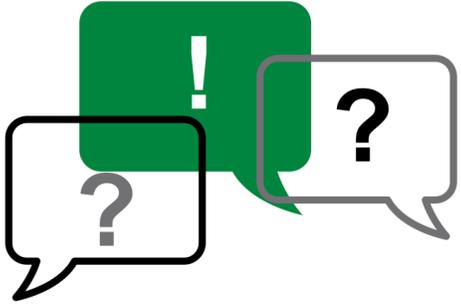
* One Time Annual Fee For Landscaping/Pruning Companies

Proposed Master Fee Schedule Updates

- That the City Council approve the proposed Text Amendments of the Hayward Municipal Code Chapter 10, Article 15 to update the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance; approval of amendments of the 2026 Master Fee Schedule and Findings that the proposed amendments are exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15307 and Section 15308
- If adopted, staff will launch an extensive public outreach process to make the community aware of the updated requirements.
 - Stack articles
 - Mailers
 - Ordinance Web-page
 - In Person Review
 - Outreach to Community Groups



Staff Recommendation and Next Steps



Community Comment

Questions?