



San Bernardino County

Land Use Services Department, Planning Division

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PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION TREE (Plant) REMOVAL PERMIT Plant Protection and Management

This form is provided for those circumstances where a tree or plant removal is not in conjunction with a land use application or development permit (88.01.050) (d) (2).

Fee: Submit a money order or check made out to San Bernardino County in the amount of **\$75.00**/one-half hour. (L691)

APPLICANT - PLEASE COMPLETE

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Site Address: _____

Assessor's Parcel #: _____ Phone #: _____

Proposed project (if any): _____

Existing site conditions/development (if any): _____

Questions/Comments: _____

Applicant Signature – by signing below, I have read and understand the contents of this form.

Signature

Expert Certification: The applicable review authority may require certification from an appropriate arborist, registered professional forester or a Desert Native Plant expert that the proposed tree or plant removal, replacement, or revegetation activities are appropriate, supportive of a healthy environment, and in compliance with the Development Code. The certification shall include the information in compliance with Department procedures (88.01.050) (b)

Meeting Request – After receipt of this application and fees, a planner will contact you to schedule an appointment.

PLEASE NOTE: Any information provided by staff during a consultation is **NOT** a guarantee of project success or failure as all projects are subject to a comprehensive review of a formal application submittal. Also, policy changes or new ordinances adopted subsequently to this meeting may alter any determination made.

Regulated trees and plants:

For a list of regulated trees and plants, please refer to Sections: 88.01.060(c), 88.01.070(b), 88.01.080(b) and 88.01.050 (e) (4) of the Development Code.

Land Disturbance:

No person, except as provided in this Chapter, shall commence with a disturbance of land (e.g. grading or land clearing) without first obtaining approval to assure that said disturbance will not result in the removal of any regulated native trees or plants. Said approval may be in the form of a development permit or a Tree or Plant Removal Permit issued by the appropriate authority. [Section 88.01.050) (i) (8)]

Findings for Tree or Plant Removal Permits [Section 88.01.050 (f)]:

The applicable review authority may authorize the removal of a regulated tree or plant only if the following findings are made:

- A) The location of the regulated tree or plant and/or its drip line interferes with an allowed structure, sewage disposal area, paved area, or other approved improvement or ground disturbing activity and there is no other alternative feasible location for the improvement.
- B) The location of the regulated tree or plant and/or its drip line interferes with the planned improvement of a street or development of an approved access to the subject or adjoining private property and there is no other alternative feasible location for the improvement.
- C) The location of the regulated tree or plant is hazardous to pedestrian or vehicular travel or safety.
- D) The regulated tree or plant or its presence interferes with or is causing extensive damage to utility services or facilities, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, pavement, sewer line(s), drainage or flood control improvements, foundations, existing structures, or municipal improvements.
- E) The condition or location of the regulated tree or plant is adjacent to and in such close proximity to an existing or proposed structure that the regulated tree or plant has or will sustain significant damage.

Once it has been determined that a tree or plant removal permit is required, submit the following information to advance planning for approval:

- 1. Describe the reason the protected tree(s) and/ or plant(s) need to be removed. (Please be specific).
- 2. A color photo of the site area which clearly indicates the present condition of the land and land uses within the location of the site.
- 3. A color photo of the proposed tree(s) and/or plant(s) to be removed.
- 4. Lastly, a simple plot plan should be submitted showing the location of protected trees and/or plants, including road right of way. (This can be hand drawn and does not require a civil engineer).

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CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STAFF - PLEASE COMPLETE

PARCEL SIZE _____ TOWNSHIP _____ RANGE _____ SECTION _____
 OFFICIAL LAND USE _____
 DISTRICT _____
 APPLICABLE OVERLAYS: _____

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**OFFICIAL USE ONLY
STAFF TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Native trees and/or plants approved for removal.
- Removed Native trees and/or plants required to be stockpiled and transplanted (Joshua Trees) replaced or restored (Oak Woodlands). *(A Proposed Transplanting Plan or Oak Reforestation Plan is required)*
- No native trees and/or plants on the property subject to the provisions of this ordinance are to be removed.
- An Environmental Review is required for disturbance of a protected tree or plant.

- Meeting date/time: _____

Conditions _____ and
Comments: _____

The findings of removal of the protected trees and plants subject to the conditions and comments as shown have been made in accordance with the San Bernardino County Development Code.

Planner's Signature

Director's Signature