



CITY OF MARTINEZ

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553-2394

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Fee: No Fee

**STREET TREE
REPLACEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION # _____**

This application is required in any situation which involves the removal, topping or replacement of any street tree in the public right-of-way

APPLICANT: NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE NUMBER _____

PROPERTY
OWNER: NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE NUMBER _____

LOCATION OF
PROPERTY: _____

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. Written authorization from property owner (if different from applicant).
2. Description of trees proposed for replacement - Include diameter or circumference at 4.5 feet above grade, quantity, species, location, condition of each tree proposed to be remove

3. Reasons for removal: _____

Certain streets have planter strips between the sidewalk and street curb. The trees planted in these strips are considered "street trees." The following is a list of commonly asked questions and answers regarding street trees:

- **Who is responsible for the maintenance of street trees?** Street tree maintenance, such as pruning, fertilization, irrigation is the responsibility of the property owner, which is similar to sidewalk maintenance. Although street trees are located in the City right-of way a common misnomer is that the street trees are the City's responsibility. Maintenance of street trees should conform to the International Society of Arboriculture (<http://www.isa-arbor.com>) or National Arborist Association (<http://www.natlarb.com>) standards.

- **Are there regulations on street trees?** Yes, Martinez Municipal Code – Chapter 8.08 Trees and Shrubs -- Planting and Maintenance (see attachment) provides regulation on the planting, maintenance, and removal of street trees. In addition, the City has a tree planting standard detail and a height limitation area that is shown in the intersection sight distance standard (see attachments).
- **When do I need permits?** Permits are required for planting, removing, and topping of street trees.
- **What is the proper way to prune a street tree?** Please refer to the enclosed Sunset Western Garden Book excerpts for detailed information regarding training and pruning trees. Topping of trees is discouraged as it may shorten a tree's life and makes the tree more prone to decay and insect attack (see attachments). Topping of street trees requires a permit and a report from a Certified Arborist.
- **Who should I hire to prune a street tree?** It is strongly suggested that you hire a licensed contractor or a certified arborist.
- **What if the street tree needs to be replaced?** You must contact the City if you want to replace a street tree. The City will provide you with a list of recommended replacement street trees and a permit is required to plant a new street tree. Below is a partial list of approved replacement trees
- **What if the street tree is lifting up the sidewalk?** The property owner is responsible for sidewalk damage caused by street trees and is required to repair the sidewalk. The property owner is strongly encouraged to contact a certified arborist and the City before removing tree roots that may be affecting the sidewalk.

Community Development Staff may visit the site and decide on this application within 10 days unless additional information is needed.

If the permit is granted, it will be valid for 90 days.

APPROVED (replacement required)

DENIED Reason: _____

BY: _____

DATE: _____

Approved replacement trees

- Acer palanoides (Norway maple)
- Celtus sinensis (Chinese hackberry)
- Fraxinus 'Raywood' (Raywood ash)
- Liriodendron tulipifera (tulip tree)
- Pistacia chinensis (Chinese pistache)
- Pyrus calleryana 'Bradford' (Bradford pear)
- Quercus rubra (red oak)

List tree type preferred if not listed above. _____