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<b>Protections During Development</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Zone declared around tree(s) at/beyond dripline	Yes - radius 1 foot per 1 inch DBH, or dripline, whichever greater.	Yes - dripline or critical root zone, whichever is greater	Yes	Yes	Yes - dripline + 5 ft	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fenced	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Trunk wrapped with protective materials		Yes							No
Prevent any construction/building placement w/in zone	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	No
No new/temporary impervious surfaces	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	No
Trenching prohibited	Yes	No (allowed under arborist supervision)	Yes	No (allowed under arborist supervision)	Yes	No (allowed under arborist direction)		Yes	No
Tunnelling okay (no trenching)	Yes	Yes						Yes	
Construction storage prohibited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	No
Vehicles prohibited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	No
<b>Permitting Required</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
# of tree removal permit categories	3 types: Land disturbance, timber harvest, special use	3 types: for <3 trees Tree Removal Permit, 3+ Use Permit, Coastal Permit. Latter two require Forest Management Plan	4: Types I,II,III, commercial	Yes	0	Yes	Yes	7: Type I,II Dead Tree Removal, Hazard Tree Removal, Emergency Permit, Verification Permit, Topping Permit	Zero
Minimum diameter before tree permit/mitigation calculations (DHB - typ measured 4.5' from surface)	>27" hardwood, 24" softwood, 10" flowering	0", 6" or 8", 12" depending on species/location. (Some DBH, some measured 2 feet from ground.) Removal of 1/3 of foliage or greater	10" most, 8" special varieties	12"	8"	5"	12"	0" & 10"	
Application fees		\$264 / \$2485 / \$2718 + 7 yr mitigation monitoring fees	\$597 / \$978 / \$1356 / \$598				\$35.		
Required for non-development site	No	Yes	Yes	Yes - but only on sensitive lands	No	Yes(after 5 trees or 100' DBH total can be cut per calendar year)	Yes	Yes	No
Permit posted on-site; trees identified/tagged in field		Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Public appeal/comment period		No					Yes		No
Restrictions differ depending on zoning (res/com/industrial)	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			No	No
Nuisance trees exempted	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Topping prohibited		Not specifically but effectively Yes	No				Yes		No
Topping allowed w/ permit	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No		Yes	No
Use aerial photo for code enforcement (canopy)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Penalties for Violations</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fines	\$1000 per day per violation (No max). Stop Work Order.	Min: complete restoration, retail value of wood removed, \$1000/day	\$250 per day	\$500.			Yes Criminal penalty (\$1k and/or 6 mo prison); civil penalty (\$1k per tree per day)	Enforcement fine \$317 plus \$30 per tree, restoration fine \$51 per caliper inch measured 4.5' from ground	
Replacement/mitigation of tree	No	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Fine for value of tree	No	Yes	No	Yes				No	
Illegal to possess or dispose of wood cut or pruned without permit							Yes		
Illegal to attach ropes, wires, chains unless for support of tree itself							Yes		
<b>Tree Inventory Required</b>	No	Yes	Yes	In progress	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Designations:		per parcel as part of Tree Management Plans							
- Individual/Significant tree	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
- Tree grove (multiple trees)	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes		Yes	No
- Historic/Heritage/Landmark Tree	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
- Tree w/in SNRA (significant natural resource area)	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
- Mitigation Tree	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	No
- Landscape Tree	Landscape strips	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
- Community Tree		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No	No
Canopy measurements available (Metro-Nature in Neighborhoods)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
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When mitigation applies	Speciman trees only (>27" hardwood, 24" soft, 10" flowering)	1:1, 3:1 or 5:1. Same species. Protected trees only.	>50% orig DBH removed	<75% existing trees 12" or greater are preserved	any tree > 8" removed w/ development application		1:1 DBH. 10" DBH removed, 10" DBH mitigation	1 tree removed (any size), 1 tree replanted	
Mitigation calculated based on number of removed trees	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Mitigation calculated based on sum of removed trees diameter	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
"Fee in-lieu" of mitigation		No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Ongoing (post-development) maintenance/monitoring of mitigation trees required		Yes (7 yrs) cost: \$5k - \$18K	Yes (2yrs)	Yes (3 yrs)	No	No	Yes (3 yrs)	No	No
Minimum mitigation tree diameter size	1"	No	2"	2"	2-1/2"	2-1/2"		2" deciduous. 6-8" tall evergreen	No
Minimum Density Mitigation (instead of replacement based upon #/size pre-existing trees)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes		No	
Mitigation trees inherit protections/status of trees replaced			Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No
Mitigation trees must be insured			Yes	No	No	No		No	No
Mitigation trees placed in conservation easement or separate tract			Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Mitigation trees get deed restriction			Yes		No	No		No	No
<b>Provisions for Preservation</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Incentives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - more planned	No
- Density Bonus/ transfer		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
- Lot Size Averaging		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		No	No
- Lot Width & Depth			No	Yes	No	No		No	No
- Off Street Parking requirement reduction			No	Yes	No	No		No	No
- Open Space Reduction		No	Yes	No	No	No		No	No
- Landscaping Reduction		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No	No
- Property Tax incentives							Yes	Yes	No
- Reduced Storm Water Management Fees		No						Yes	No
Preserved trees gain deed restriction		Yes	No	Yes	No	No		Yes	No
Preservation areas in clusters	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No		Yes	No
Preservation areas not in linear strips	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No		No	No
<b>Tree-Friendly Design / Planning Guidelines</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Habitat Friendly/Low Impact Development Policy		Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Connect adjoining SNRA/Groves	No	Yes	Yes	No		No		No	No
Tree density specification along streets	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	yes
Tree density specification in parking lots	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes		No	
<b>Organizational Support &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Tree maintenance policy (public/street trees)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		No
Forester/Arborist on staff	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	No
Heritage Tree Program	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tree Board/Commission	No	Starting	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Tree Fund		Starting (oak woodlands protection)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Urban Forest Management Plan, separate from Comprehensive Plan	No	on a per-parcel basis	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Tree Hotline	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Tree City USA	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
NeighborWoods	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Major capital improvements required to consult with Urban Forestry Commission							Yes		No