

Summary: Comparison of Key Tree Code Provisions Across Jurisdictions

Prepared by the Joint-CPO Tree Code Group, Washington County, OR
Rev 1.2

= Unknown

Key Categories	Counties		Cities in Greater Portland Area, Oregon						Washington County
	Fulton County, GA	Monterey County, CA	Beaverton	Tigard	Hillsboro	Sherwood	Portland	Lake Oswego	
Protections During Development	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
Fencing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Prevent any construction/building placement w/in zone	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	No
Permitting Required	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	No
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"	
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
Penalties for Violations	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	
Tree Inventory Required	No	Yes	Yes	In progress	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Canopy measurements available (Metro-Nature in Neighborhoods)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Mitigation Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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
Minimum mitigation tree diameter size	1"	No	2"	2"	2-1/2"	2-1/2"		2" deciduous, 6-8' tall evergreen	No
Provisions for Preservation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Incentives		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - more planned	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
Tree-Friendly Design / Planning Guidelines	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Habitat friendly/low Impact development policy		Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Tree density specification along streets	No	No	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	yes
Organizational Support & Outreach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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
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