

[Title 19 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION](#)

[Chapter 19.08 TREE PRESERVATION\\*](#)

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**19.08.030 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise apparent from the context, certain words and phrases used in this chapter are defined as follows:

A. "Associated with a proposal for development" means any land area for which an application for a specific plan, variance, parcel map, subdivision, development/design review or a time extension thereof, or special or conditional use permit has been filed with and is pending consideration by the city or has been approved but the related project or applicable phase thereof has not been completed.

B. "Drip line" means a line which may be drawn on the ground around a tree directly under its outermost branch tips and which identifies that location where rainwater tends to drip from the tree.

C. "Heritage tree" means any tree, shrub or plant which meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. All eucalyptus windrows; or
2. All woody plants in excess of fifteen feet in height and having a single trunk circumference of fifteen inches or more, as measured twenty-four inches from ground level; or
3. Multitrunk tree(s) having a total circumference of thirty inches or more, as measured twenty-four inches from ground level; or
4. A stand of trees the nature of which makes each dependent upon the others for survival; or
5. Any other tree as may be deemed historically or culturally significant by the city planner because of size, condition, location, or aesthetic qualities.

D. "Historic landmark" means, for the purposes of this chapter, any tree designated as a historic landmark by city council pursuant to Section 2.24.100.

E. "Remove" includes any act which will cause a heritage tree to die, including but not limited to, acts which inflict damage upon root systems, bark or other parts of tree by fire, application of toxic substances, operation of equipment or machinery; improper watering; changing natural grade of land by excavation or filling the drip line area around the trunk; or by attachment of signs or artificial material piercing the bark of the tree by means of nails, spikes or other piercing objects.

F. "Windrow" means a row of trees, usually a variety of eucalyptus, planted to provide a windbreak to protect property or agricultural crops. (Ord. 276 § 2 (part), 1986)