

Title 19 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Chapter 19.08 TREE PRESERVATION*

19.08.110 Protection of existing trees.

Care shall be exercised by all individuals, developers and contractors working near preserved trees so that no damage occurs to such trees. All construction shall preserve and protect the health of trees to remain, relocated trees, and new trees planted to replace those removed in accordance with the following measures:

A. All trees to be saved shall be enclosed by an appropriate construction barrier, such as chain link fence or other means acceptable to the city planner, prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit and prior to commencement of work. Fences are to remain in place during all phases of construction and may not be removed without the written consent of the city planner until construction is complete; and

B. No substantial disruption or removal of the structural or absorptive roots of any tree shall be performed; and

C. No fill material shall be placed within three feet from the outer trunk circumference of any tree; and

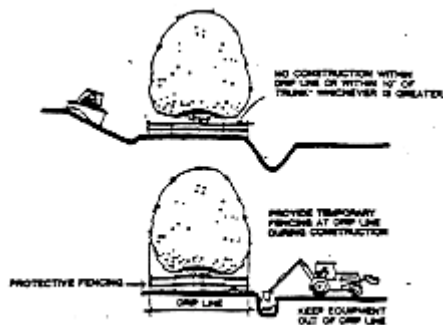
D. No fill materials shall be placed within the drip line of any tree in excess of eighteen inches in depth. This is a guideline and is subject to modification to meet the needs of individual tree species as determined by an arborist or landscape architect, and

E. No substantial compaction of the soil within the drip line of any tree shall be undertaken; and

F. No construction, including structures and walls, that disrupts the root system shall be permitted. As a guideline, no cutting of roots should occur within a distance equal to three and one-half times the trunk diameter, as measured at ground level. Actual setback may vary to meet the needs of individual tree species as determined by an arborist or landscape architect. Where some root removal is necessary, the tree crown may require thinning to prevent wind damage; and

G. Eucalyptus windrows to be preserved shall have adequate provisions for deep watering and limit surface watering within fifteen feet of trunk; and

H. The city planner may impose such additional measures determined necessary to preserve and protect the health of trees to remain, relocated trees, and new trees planted to replace those removed.



(Ord. 276 § 2 (part), 1986)