

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2013
TO: Trees and Views Committee
FROM: Lilly Schinsing, Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: July/August Tree Tip of the Month

Discussion:

At the May TVC meeting the Committee agreed to publish a monthly "Tree Tip." Draft language for the July Tree Tip was discussed and Member Wilhite was assigned the month of August. The Committee agreed to review draft language two months out from publication and vote on the Tip as a Committee.

Recommendation:

- 1-Review the draft language for July Tree Tip, make appropriate modifications and approve the Tip for publication; and
- 2-Review the draft language for the August Tree Tip and make appropriate modifications and direct staff to return at the July meeting with a final draft for the TVC review.

Attachments:

- 1-Draft July Tree Tip for approval
- 2-Draft August Tree Tip for review

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Draft-for Approval

July Tree Tip of the Month

Little known fact. There is a fine for altering, pruning, shaping, trimming, topping, or removing any protected, dedicated, heritage or city-owned trees without a Tree Removal/Alteration Permit. This fine could be up to \$1,000!

Protected Trees are any Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) on developed private property measuring 4 inches or more in diameter at breast height (DBH) or any tree measuring 4 inches DBH or more on undeveloped private property. **Heritage Trees** are any tree which measuring 10 inches DBH or more on developed private property. **Dedicated Trees** are any tree that has special significance as provided for by resolution of the City Council. **Trees on City-Owned Property** are any tree or shrub on City-owned property or public right-of-way.

When in doubt call Lilly Schinsing, Analyst at (415) 289-4134 or email her at LSchinsing@ci.sausalito.ca.us with questions. For more information visit the Trees and Views Ordinance (Municipal Code Section 11.12): <http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/Index.aspx?page=264>.

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Draft- for review

August Tree Tip of the Month (Wilhite)

Sometimes you need to reduce the height of a tree, but remember that there are alternatives to "topping." When you shear off the top of a tree, it not only looks unnatural but also causes faster growth on top. Many new shoots will form, and they tend to grow straight up, making frequent shearing a necessity. Consult an arborist for ways to reduce the tree's height without shearing it like a hedge.

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