

CITY OF SAUSALITO
ARBORIST REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The Arborist Report must be prepared by a Certified Arborist currently listed as a member by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Consulting Arborist currently listed as a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists. The Arborist Report must provide and address the following items.

Site Plan

A site plan showing the trunk location, diameter at breast height (DBH), height, driplines, species, and appraised value of the trees for which removal or alteration is requested. The site plan must be clearly legible, use a reasonable scale, and show locations of the subject trees relative to other trees and structures on the parcel.

- If the tree removal or alteration is requested for view purposes, the site plan must show how the tree impairs the applicant's view.
- If the tree removal or alteration is requested to accommodate new construction on a private undeveloped parcel, the site plan must be prepared by a licensed design professional (e.g., land surveyor, architect, or civil engineer) and accurately show locations and driplines of all trees whose driplines are located on the parcel.

Photographs

Photographs must be provided showing the overall aspect of the tree and its setting in relation to nearby structures and other trees. In addition, photographs must be provided:

- Showing the view impairment created by the tree, if the tree removal or alteration is requested for view purposes.
- Showing the property damage or visible symptoms of the tree's poor health, if the tree removal or alteration is requested due to property damage or the tree's poor health.

Written Report addressing:

Tree removal applications.

- a. Reasons for removal.
- b. The economic value of the tree based on the ISA Guide for Plant Appraisal.
- c. Dangers which may result by the continued existence of the tree if not removed. A hazard evaluation report based on the ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation standards may be provided.
- d. Effects of the removal on neighboring vegetation.
- e. Loss of soil stability that may occur if the tree is removed.
- f. Advisability of stump or root removal.
- g. Suggestions for replacement planting.

Tree alteration (e.g., pruning, shaping, trimming, topping) applications.

- h. Description of and reasons for alteration.
- i. Dangers which may result by continued existence of the tree if alteration is not performed.
- j. Structural or health effects on the tree which would result from the proposed alteration.
- k. Effects of the alteration on neighboring vegetation.
- l. If the proposed alteration is for view purposes, an estimate of the frequency and future costs to sustain the desired view.
- m. Suggestions for improving the health of the tree, such as improving root or soil conditions beneath the tree.