

**TO:** Landscape Maintenance Division:  
Forestry  
2101 G St. Bldg. E1  
Fresno CA, 93706  
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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE TRIMMING PERMIT**

The undersigned owner(s) requests permission to trim \_\_\_\_\_ tree(s) at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Trimming of the above trees is for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

It is understood that all major tree trimming work will be performed by a professional tree trimmer possessing a Contractor's License and a City of Fresno Business License. A number of tree service companies can be found in the yellow pages of the telephone book listed under "Tree Service." The owner/occupant may perform minor tree trimming; such as, the removal of sucker growth, water sprouts and overhanging branches on mature trees to a height of eight feet. All work must be performed in accordance with City Tree Trimming Standards (See Reverse Side).

We, the undersigned, as the owner of the property abutting the worksite and the company employed to do the work, each agree to be bound by and to carry out all of the above conditions and to assume all liability for damages arising out of or resulting from performing the work herein permitted and, in the connection, agree to waive any and all claims or actions for damages or other expenses therefore against the City of Fresno, its officers and employees. We further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Fresno, its officers and employees against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability and cost including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of said work, except for that liability caused by the sole negligence of the City.

PROPERTY OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF TREE SERVICE COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED / DENIED ON \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY: \_\_\_\_\_

Before trimming said tree(s), the tree service company performing the work shall give the Forestry Supervisor of the City of Fresno twenty-four (24) hours notice of the exact time of trimming. The trimming shall be performed in accordance with the City of Fresno Tree Trimming Specifications (see reverse side of the paper).

Said trees shall be trimmed as set forth above within thirty (30) days from date of this permit.

It is understood that this permit shall not be construed as meaning that the City of Fresno is a party to the trimming of said tree(s).

## TREE TRIMMING SPECIFICATIONS

Contractor shall be aware of and shall comply with City ordinances governing tree trimming work and traffic control regulations during work. All trimming shall be performed in accordance with ANSI Z133, OSHA, the International Society of Arboriculture, and Tree Care Industry Association's Pruning Standards. In addition, the following conditions shall be followed:

1. All trees shall be trimmed in a manner to maintain the natural form and balance of the tree.
2. No tree shall be reduced by more than one third of its height and/or head in any one trimming.
3. Trim to provide 14 ½ feet clearance over street and 8 feet clearance over sidewalk, as per FMC 13-305-(d2).
4. No trees are to be topped without the consent of the Forestry Supervisor, and then only in cases of alleviating a hazardous condition. When topping is necessary, attention shall be given to reshaping the trees to maintain a typical tree form for the species.
5. When it is necessary to reduce limb lengths, drop crotch as much as possible and avoid cutting back the support limbs to laterals less than one-third the diameter of the supporting limbs.
6. When thinning out dense tree canopies, care shall be taken to get the right effect without causing large openings sufficient to cause sunscald problems. Generally, not more than one-third of the total leaf area should be removed from each tree.
7. All cuts shall be made sufficiently close to the trunk or parent limb, without cutting into the branch collar or leaving a protruding stub, so that closure can readily start under normal conditions. Clean cuts shall be made at all times.
8. It is necessary to precut branches too heavy to handle to prevent splitting or peeling the bark. Where necessary, to prevent tree or property damage, branches shall be lowered to the ground by proper ropes or equipment.
9. Any structural weakness, decayed trunk or branches, split crotches or other potentially hazardous conditions which cannot be corrected through pruning, shall be reported to the Forestry Supervisor in writing or by phone at (559) 621-1354.