City of Santa Clara

Table I
Santa Clara County
Tree Ordinance Matrix

	Santa Clara (current)	Cupertino	Mountain View	Sunnyvale	Palo Alto	Milpitas	San Jose	Santa Clara (proposed)
City responsible for planting, pruning and removal of residential street trees:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No The City has authority to approve permits to plant/ prune/remove as well as direct work to be done on trees	Yes
All single-family homes required to have a City street tree:	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Replanting of a City street tree required following the removal of City street tree:	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Ordinance protects Heritage trees:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Protected species on private property:	No	All mature specimen trees of the following species: California Buckeye, Big Leaf Maple, Deodar Cedar, Blue Atlas Cedar, Western Sycamore, Coast Live Oak, Valley Oak, Black Oak, Blue Oak, Interior Live Oak, and Bay Laurel.	Any oak, redwood, or cedar tree with a circumference of 12" (diameter of ~4") or more at 54"	No	Any *Quercus Agrifolia* (Coast Live Oak) or *Quercus Lobata* (Valley Oak) with at least a 11.5" diameter (36" circumference) at 54"; and any Redwood tree (species *Sequoia Sempervirens*) with at least a 18" diameter (57" circumference) at 54".	No	No Removal of any species with a diameter of at least 18" or larger on private property requires a permit.	Trees of the following species with at least a 12" diameter at 54": California Buckeye, Big Leaf Maple, Deodar Cedar, Blue Atlas Cedar, Western Sycamore, Coast Live Oak, Valley Oak, Black Oak, Blue Oak, Interior Live Oak, Coast Redwood, and Bay Laurel.

Protects trees of certain size:	No	Permit is required to remove a mature specimen tree with a single-trunk DBH of 12" – 24" and multi-trunk trees with DBH of 24" – 48".	Any tree with a circumference of at least 48" (diameter of ~15") at 54"; and any multi-branched tree with major branches below 54" with a circumference of 48" (diameter of ~15") measured just below the first major trunk fork.	Any single-trunk tree with a circumference of at least 38" (diameter of ~12") at 54"; Any multi-trunk trees with 1 trunk with a circumference of at least 38" (diameter of ~12") at 54"; and Any multi-trunk trees, that when added together have a circumference of at least 113" at 54".	No (other than species listed above)	Any tree with a circumference of at least 56" (diameter of ~18") at 54" located on developed residential property; Any tree with a circumference of at least 37" (diameter of ~12") at 54" located on developed commercial, industrial, vacant, undeveloped or underdeveloped property; and Any tree with a circumference of at least 37" (diameter of ~12") at 54" when removal relates to any transaction for which zoning approval or subdivision approval is required.	Any tree with a diameter of at least 18" or larger	Any tree with a diameter of at least 38" at 54"; and Any multi-branched tree with major branches below 54" with a diameter of 38" measured just below the first major trunk fork.
Procedures for requesting removal of Protected trees:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Evaluation criteria to approve removal of Protected trees – Tree diseased or in danger of falling:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes A permit is required for any tree removal (live or dead)	Yes
Evaluation criteria to approve removal of Protected trees – Location of tree restricts economic enjoyment of property:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Evaluation criteria to approve removal of Protected trees – Tree contributes to overcrowding of trees on subject property:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes

Evaluation criteria to approve removal of Protected trees – Trunk of tree too close to existing structure:	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Evaluation criteria to approve removal of Protected trees – Trunk of tree too close from below ground utility line of pipe:	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Evaluation criteria to approve removal of Protected trees – Unsuitable tree species on single-family lots:	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Replanting plans required for removals as part of construction and/or development projects:	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Tree protection plans required for City trees and/or Protected trees during construction:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes