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In September 2003, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved revisions to the Alameda County Tree Ordinance. The revised Tree Ordinance requires property owners and contractors to obtain an approved permit from the County before trimming, removing or planting a tree within the County right-of-way. The County will charge fees for permit applications (except for planting requests) however, homeowners who choose to use a contractor in possession of a yearly maintenance permit will not be required to apply for a permit. The intent of the Ordinance is to regulate the work performed on trees within the right-of-way, and to insure that property owners hire a licensed contractor who will follow County guidelines. In an effort to promote knowledge of this ordinance the County will continue to provide educational materials, public outreach and recommend appropriate trees.

If you have any questions about the Tree Ordinance, would like additional information or would like to request a Tree Permit Application please contact the Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500. Permit Applications and information can also be obtained at the Public Works Buildings located at 399 Elmhurst Street and 951 Turner Court in Hayward or by accessing the County's website at <http://www.acgov.org/pwa/index.shtml>.

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