

ORDINANCE NO. 2051**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA,
REVISING CHAPTER 34 - "TREES AND SHRUBS" OF
THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, Section 34.4 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code requires that a permit be obtained to trim more than 20% of any significant or heritage tree on the front yard of private property or 10% of any mature oak tree or mature native tree located anywhere in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed its desire to deregulate the trimming of trees on private property with the exception of heritage trees, mature oak trees and mature native trees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to maintain the regulation of removal of certain trees; and

WHEREAS, heritage trees, mature oak trees and mature native species trees exist in locations in addition to the front yards of private property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to obtain certification as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, said certification requires that the City's tree ordinance specify the department responsible for the maintenance of trees on public property;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SOUTH PASADENA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 34.4(a) of Chapter 34 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby revised to read as follows:

“(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or transplant any mature or significant tree from the front yard of private property, or any heritage tree, oak tree or native species tree from any location within the city or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a permit from the city.

Section 2. Section 34.4(b) of Chapter 34 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby revised to read as follows:

“(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to trim or prune more than twenty percent of the live foliage or limbs of any heritage tree located anywhere in the city or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a permit from the city. No person shall trim or prune more than said twenty percent in any twelve month period without first obtaining a permit from the city.”

Section 3. The words “(see attached list)” are hereby deleted from Section 34.4(c).

Section 4. Section 34.4(d) of Chapter 34 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby revised to read as follows:

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“(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to damage or cause to be damaged any heritage tree, mature oak tree or mature native tree located within the city.”

Section 5. The list of trees attached to the existing Chapter 34 is hereby deleted and the following is to be added to Section 34.1:

(k) “Oak tree” shall mean species of tree of the genus Quercus.

(l) “Native species tree” shall mean any species of tree native to California as defined by resolution adopted by the City Council.

Section 6. The following section is hereby added to the existing Chapter 34:

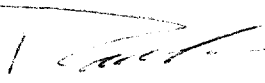
Sec.34.11 Maintenance of Trees on Public Property.

The Public Works Department shall be responsible for the maintenance of trees on public property including but not limited to public rights of way and public parks. The Public Works Department shall prepare and implement the annual work plan for the maintenance of trees on public property

Section 7. The City Clerk of the City of South Pasadena shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and to its approval by the Mayor and City Council and shall cause the same to be published in a newspaper in the manner required by law.

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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 1997.

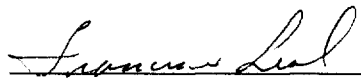


Paul Zee, Mayor
City of South Pasadena, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for Jeannine A. Gregory, City Clerk



City Attorney

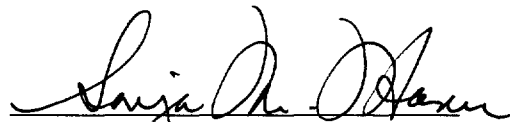
I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena at a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of December, 1997 by the following vote:

AYES: Knapp, Cohen, Emory and Mayor Zee

NOES: None

ABSENT: Saeta

ABSTAIN: None


for Jeannine A. Gregory, City Clerk