

Important Update: Private Property Tree Removal

Dear Cambridge Property Owner:

Effective March 11th, 2019, an amended City Ordinance restricts **removal of “significant trees”** on private property. **“Significant trees”** have a diameter of 8 inches or more (measured at 4 feet above ground).

Removal of any significant private property tree requires a permit from the City, which will only be issued when one of the following circumstances can be demonstrated:

1. The tree is dead or dangerous;
2. An emergency exists relative to public health, safety or welfare;
3. Removing the tree may result in a healthier tree canopy; or
4. The tree poses a significant risk to an adjacent existing structure.

Any property owner or contractor who removes a tree in violation of this ordinance must pay into the City’s Tree Replacement Fund and may be subject to a stop work order, injunction, or fines up to \$300 for each day the violation continues.

Learn more about the Tree Protection Ordinance, requirements for a permit, and Tree Replacement Fund fee assessments at: www.Cambridgema.gov/TreeProtection



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