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Tree Ordinance Comments

Enforcing the ordinance, who's job?

Public works: roll in trees, who approves their tree decisions? ie removal by Pacific market of Liquid Ambers.

Sidewalk trees **Not addressed**. Large trees are routinely removed when roots start lifting surround concrete, and often planted with or replaced by a small growing type of trees.

Requiring stronger sidewalks around trees, ie, church across from the fire department, condos on Covert behind Pacific Market, the side walk between Fandees and Sebastopol Hardware was lined with 60 foot liquid ambers which were beautiful especially in the fall. Roots can not break up a deep steel reinforced concrete box enclosure around the tree base.

Creating bulb outs for big beautiful trees. ie, Mc Donald Ave in Santa Rosa, Older US cities, and other countries.

Commercial parking areas where thin planter strips with big growing trees are breaking curbs and owner wants to remove them. Answer? Restrip parking to accommodate bigger space for tree. ie, Bank next to Fandees, Big O Tire.

Exempt from permit requirement

Crowding of mature trees that need thinning. ie Joe Rodota trail (crowded live oaks fighting for sun has created mostly straggly tall trees.) Thinning out private yards where many trees were planted long ago and need thinning out.

Dyeing trees, should be cut before they become brittle and dangerous.

Many replacement trees are small and do not serve the stated goals well.

Remove trees from replacement list that accommodate mistletoe, fruit trees require great care.

Bigger trees, Sycamore, Oaks, Liquid Amber etc , accomplish much

more of the listed goals
Larger trees make streets more attractive.