



GUIDELINES FOR TREE CARE IN THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

The City of Del Rey Oaks is a community primarily forested with the Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*). Although there are other species present that are native to the area such as the Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) and some that are native to Monterey County, like the Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and the Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*). Other species are from distant lands, for example, Acacias and Deodars. Care of these trees depends partly on the species, but there are certain principles that apply to all species.

Before doing anything to trees in Del Rey Oaks, it is important to follow these guidelines:

- ✓ Check with City Hall to see what permits are required for trimming, altering, removal, etc.
- ✓ It is advisable to get more than one estimate from licensed tree contractors, if you are not doing the work yourself.
- ✓ Make certain that the contractor to whom you give the bid can prove that he is licensed with the state, the city and that he has insurance to cover public liability, property damage and worker's compensation.
- ✓ If the tree encroaches on another property, either above or below ground, make certain that the other property owner is agreeable to the work proposed, preferably in writing.
- ✓ When removing a tree, the complete tree must be removed to ground level including the stump by grinding or other appropriate means.

The purpose and intent of these guidelines are to recognize oak and other significant trees as significant historical, aesthetic and ecological resources and to create favorable conditions for the preservation and propagation of this unique irreplaceable plant heritage for the benefit of the current and future residents of the city. It is also to preserve and enhance property values through conserving and enhancing the distinctive and unique aesthetic character of this city, which refers to the oak tree in its name.