



# SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT-OAK TREE BURDEN OF PROOF

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 22.44.950.F, the applicant shall substantiate the following:

*(Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)*

A. That the proposed construction of proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees other than those proposed to be removed or encroached upon, that are subject to this section, if any, on the subject property;


B. That the encroachment, removal, or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated;


C. That the proposed removal or encroachment is consistent with the development standards detailed in subsection G of this section and all other applicable LIP standards; and




D. That where oak tree removal or encroachment is not proposed concurrently with and to accommodate other new development, in addition to the above facts, at least one of the following findings apply:

1. That the oak tree(s) proposed for encroachment, removal, or relocation interferes with utility services or streets and highways, either within or outside of the subject property, and no reasonable alternative to such interference exists other than encroachment or removal of the tree(s); or

2. That the condition of the oak tree(s) proposed for removal with reference to seriously debilitating disease or danger or falling is such that it cannot be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practices and the tree(s) is located in proximity to existing development, or in other areas where falling limbs or trunks would be a danger to public safety.

E. For purposes of interpreting this section, it shall be specified that while relocation is not prohibited by this section, it is a voluntary alternative offering sufficient potential danger to the health of a tree as to require the same findings as for removal of an oak tree.