

00:34:26 Mark Herwick: For additional information you may reach out to us at:

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00:37:45 Mark Herwick: LA County Zoning Code, Chapter 22.174 Oak Tree Permit:

[https://library.municode.com/ca/los\\_angeles\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO\\_DIV8PERELEAC\\_CH22.174OATRPE](https://library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO_DIV8PERELEAC_CH22.174OATRPE)

00:38:56 Pat Ruiz: How long do oak tree permits last?

00:40:58 Lynne Plambeck: It seems like you forgot the Valley Oak - Quercus Lobata in Santa Clarita and the Santa Monica Mountains.

00:41:55 Rebecca Latta: During plan intake for oak tree permits, are all plans checked for accurate representations of oaks with the tree protection zone and fencing shown? If a homeowner misrepresents a tree intentionally, what is the penalty.

00:42:19 Pat Ruiz: Reacted to "During plan intake f..." with ❤️

00:43:30 Pat Ruiz: Are the diagrams of drip zones what is being proposed or what is current?

00:44:12 Rebecca Latta: It should be existing, current. People sometimes try to cut trees back to reduce the canopy size.

00:45:51 Nick Araya: What constitutes "an individual with expertise satisfactory to the director?" That seems vague

00:46:23 Ellen Walton: I have never ever heard of any Department making decisions that included considering effects on or effects from an adjacent property.

00:46:29 Mark Herwick: Connect with a LA County Planner:

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/connect-with-a-planner/>

Schedule a Virtual Counseling Session (Calendar):

<https://outlook.office365.com/book/RegionalPlanningVirtualOnlineAppointments@lacounty.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabed=true>

00:46:48 Nick Araya: Replying to "I have never ever he..."

LA City does this.

00:47:34 Rebecca Latta: Do all oak tree violations require a public hearing?

00:48:23 Nick Araya: What if the pruning has nothing to do with a construction project?

00:48:31 Mark Herwick: Type Reviews in the Zoning Code:

[https://library.municode.com/ca/los\\_angeles\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO\\_DIV9AD\\_CH22.224TYREPUTI22](https://library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO_DIV9AD_CH22.224TYREPUTI22)

Filing Fees (2025):

[https://planning.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/fee\\_20250301.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/fee_20250301.pdf)

- The existing Oak Tree Permit without a public hearing has a Type I Review fee.

- The existing Oak Tree Permit with public hearing has a Type III Review fee.

- The Oak Tree Permit does not currently have a Type II Review, but an example of a Type II Review fee is the Protected Tree Permit for SEAs.

00:50:24 Rebecca Latta: Many cities do include a requirement for survey of

adjacent trees - San Marino, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Agoura Hills, LA City. It is very important to preserve canopy cover and prevent 'permitted' damage to neighbor's assets (their trees)

00:50:45 Mark Herwick: Type Review Characteristics:  
[https://library.municode.com/ca/los\\_angeles\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO\\_DIV9AD\\_CH22.224TYREPUTI22\\_22.224.020TYRECH](https://library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO_DIV9AD_CH22.224TYREPUTI22_22.224.020TYRECH)

00:51:26 Mark Herwick: To sign up for an automated report of Oak Tree Permits, please:

Register and create an EPIC-LA account at  
[https://epicla.lacounty.gov/energov\\_prod/SelfService/#/home](https://epicla.lacounty.gov/energov_prod/SelfService/#/home).

Click on Login or Register

After creating an account, email Angelique <[acarreon@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:acarreon@planning.lacounty.gov)> and let her know:

- You wish to be added to the "Oak Tree Permits Filed" list, and
  - Provide the email you used to register for EPIC-LA.
4. You will now receive weekly emails about all Oak Tree Permit applications filed in unincorporated LA County.

To generate reports for Oak Tree Permits that have been issued between a certain date range:

[https://epicla.lacounty.gov/energov\\_prod/SelfService/#/home](https://epicla.lacounty.gov/energov_prod/SelfService/#/home).

Click on "Report",

Select Report Type: "All"

Choose from the dropdown list for Report: "DRP-Oak Tree Permits Filed"

Enter the Start Date: \_\_,

Enter the End Date: \_\_,

Click on Generate Report

00:52:37 Mark Herwick: Permit Filing Fees:

[https://planning.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/fee\\_20250301.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/fee_20250301.pdf)

An example of the cost of a Type II review is the fee required for a protected tree permit in the Significant Ecological Area.

00:57:40 Pat Ruiz: Is there someone from the department that is present during pruning to count branches cut? Tree adjacent to my property that was pruned had many branches cut and canopy reduced. I Didn't see anyone supervising.

00:58:03 Nick Araya: Reacted to "Is there someone fro..." with 🤔

00:58:28 Margot Eiser: How do the county rules apply to individual cities?

01:00:12 Rebecca Latta: Do encroachments into the TPZ include the combined impacts to roots and canopy?

01:00:52 Sara Hammes: Are there standards as to how much canopy can be removed without damaging the tree?

01:01:47 Margot Eiser: Do the county rules apply and have to be enforced in each city in the county?

01:01:51 Nick Araya: Replying to "Are there standards ..."

No standards. Only guidelines.

01:02:40 Sara Hammes: Replying to "Are there standards ..."

OK. It would seem there needs to be a cap then

01:03:48 Mark Herwick: Email list: <https://bit.ly/oaktree-newsletter>

Save the date! Gold-spotted Oak Borer trainings by the Invasive Pest Management Group from LA County and the University of California Cooperative Extension:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/qT08FV0>

NEW! Register for ““Planning Among Oaks: Research, Community Mapping, and Practice,” hosted by the American Planning Association and LA County Planning for Community Planning Month on Thurs 10/30 @11:30am: <https://bit.ly/PlanningMonth2025>  
01:04:02 Rebecca Latta: Replying to "Are there standards ..."

25% over 2 years for an older tree still may take too much foliage over time if the tree is not vigorous.

01:04:10 Mark Herwick: Alternative meeting times

Note: these alternative meetings will cover the same content as the associated Meeting number from the main series.

Alternative Meeting #4 (Tues, Sept 23), Registration link:

<https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/s6VUXT0aSf23HiBQs7DpaQ>

Alternative Meeting #6 (Thurs, Oct. 16), Registration link:

[https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/dHEGK1\\_zQ\\_ifArqDmv-NvQ](https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/dHEGK1_zQ_ifArqDmv-NvQ)

EVERYONE - Please FIRST register for the Main Tuesday Evening Zoom series:

<https://planning-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/f9mIndzMSE2h-fVghQuW2A>

01:04:34 Rebecca Latta: Replying to "Are there standards ..."

ISA discourages percentages in the last best management practices

01:05:03 Jessica Richards: Does the public hearing requirement apply only to private permits? Is there a hearing held for removals proposed by the city as well?

01:06:08 Pat Ruiz: If oak trees have wild life living in it, is this a factor for better protection? I.e. honey bees, possums, etc..

01:10:02 Nick Araya: AGREED! Planners aren't arborists!

01:10:19 Jessica Richards: Reacted to "AGREED! Planners are..." with ❤

01:10:19 Nick Araya: Reacted to "Does the public hear..." with ❤

01:11:24 Nick Araya: YES- how does this permitting tie in with Zone Zero or required insurance pruning?

01:13:45 Jessica Richards: I support the removal of a non heritage sized oak should be move to a type II review

01:15:06 Kelly Decker: Confirming what Lynne just said about Edison - they have butchered oak trees here in Kagel Canyon

01:16:16 Gay Crusius: Edison has also done butchering of oaks in Green Valley.

01:18:13 Nick Araya: Guys cmon Edison is not selling wood. 🤔

01:20:45 stephanie landregan: yes it just the cost of doing business. There should be a 6 month stop work order for egregious harm.

01:20:47 Suzanne Mitus-Uribe: how do we get the AIS value of a tree? So Cal Edison cut our 50' tree that survived the fire..and killed it

01:24:31 Rebecca Latta: I think that pruning only should be managed with input/permitting with LA county Forestry.

01:24:51 Leslie Lowes: Thank you Nick! I think this is by far the majority of oak tree impacts - people who want to trim their tree.

01:24:52 Rebecca Latta: Pruning only is an issue also because the permit process is slow

01:25:02 Leslie Lowes: And I

01:26:23 Leslie Lowes: And I'd like to second an earlier statement about the conflict between the need to keep large branches away from the roof for

fire/insurance, and spending \$\$ on a permit to remove larger branches.

01:26:42 Sara Hammes: unintended consequences from permit costs that are too high??

01:26:48 Rebecca Latta: The director could prepare a list of possible qualifications and pre-qualify people who have proven that they can write reports/maps to the County Standards

01:28:49 Sara Hammes: I think there needs to be a clear policy around development and removal of trees. Does there need to be a moratorium on development overall?

01:30:39 Rachel: It's great to hear from Green Valley! Glad to hear the oaks are doing better

01:30:47 Ellen Walton: I think the City of Calabasas has the 5 year stall in development.

01:30:54 John Todd: Reacted to "It's great to hear f..." with 👍

01:30:58 Rebecca Latta: Reacted to "I think the City of ..." with 👍

01:30:58 Gay Crusius: Reacted to "It's great to hear f..." with 👍

01:31:01 Rebecca Latta: Reacted to "It's great to hear f..." with 👍

01:31:56 Ellen Walton: I like the tree disclosure idea.

01:32:33 Nick Araya: \$10,000? Let's go \$1,000 per inch DBH!

01:32:54 Jessica Richards: Reacted to "\$10,000? Let's go \$1..." with ❤️

01:33:04 stephanie landregan: Reacted to "\$10,000? Let's go \$1..." with ❤️

01:33:12 Sara Hammes: Disclosures would be a good requirement along with other communication strategies

01:33:39 Rebecca Latta: How do we get Edison and Spectrum to also treat wood properly to not spread pests.

01:33:40 Michael D. Bicay: Stephanie is absolutely correct. Most of our discussion is "inside baseball." Many – if not most – LA County residents do not even know that oak trees are protected. I suggested to the County years ago that an "oak tree info brochure" be mandatory for all residential property purchases in LA County.

01:33:49 Nick Araya: Some people don't have space to keep wood on site. They need a plan for those folks

01:33:58 Mark Herwick: Project Survey: <https://bit.ly/oaktreesurvey2>  
Email list: <https://bit.ly/oaktree-newsletter>  
Project Website: <https://bit.ly/oaktreeprogram>  
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Twelve native oak trees to LA County: <https://bit.ly/treehub-oaks>  
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01:34:12 Nick Araya: THANK YOU GUYS!!!

01:34:12 Lynne Plambeck: Is it possible to get emails for attendees?

01:34:45 Rebecca Latta: Thank you!

01:34:47 Melanie Traxler: Thank you

01:34:47 Glenn Pittman: Thank you!

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stephanie landregan: thank you