

1 [Recreation & Park Department--Tree Removal Notice.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Park Code by adding Section 3.19 to require**  
4 **public notice prior to removing or girdling trees.**

5 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
6 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.  
7 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
8 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

8 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

9 Section 1. The San Francisco Park Code is hereby amended by adding Section 3.19, to read  
10 as follows:

11 Sec. 3.19 Tree Removal Notice.

12 (a) The General Manager, or designee, shall post a notice before removing, or girdling, a  
13 tree in Golden Gate Park, neighborhood parks and squares, and the Significant Natural Resource  
14 Areas for 30 days prior to the removal or girdling. Such notices shall be posted on or near the tree,  
15 and shall include the reason for the removal, the proposed date of removal, the period of time in which  
16 the public may comment, and contact information. The General Manager shall also send a copy of the  
17 notice to neighborhood associations who have requested such notification. Park construction projects  
18 shall identify pending tree removals. When planning tree removal, the General Manager shall consider  
19 the effect on wildlife habitat, such as nesting birds, and shall manage the removal in a way that  
20 protects that habitat to the greatest extent possible.

21 (b) Trees removed under the Golden Gate Park Reforestation Program, as set forth in the  
22 Forest Management Plan of 1980, approved as part of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, shall not be  
23 subject to the requirements of subsection (a). During the course of the reforestation work, each  
24 reforestation plot shall have an informational posting explaining the program and the manner for  
25 obtaining further information.

1           (c) The requirements of this section do not apply to tree removal undertaken to abate an  
2 immediate hazard, prevent fire, or minimize disease vectors.

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