

EL DORADO COUNTY OAK CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE RELATED PROVISIONS (2023)

- The Oak Conservation ordinance is administered by the County of El Dorado Planning & Building Department. Additional information can be found here: [FAQ-ORMP-Oak-Conservation-Ord-1-29-18.pdf \(edcgov.us\)](https://www.edcgov.us/FAQ-ORMP-Oak-Conservation-Ord-1-29-18.pdf).
- Specific provisions related to these requirements can be found in El Dorado County (EDC) Codes & Ordinances **Chapter 130.39.010**.
- All measurements listed in the ordinance occur at the diameter breast height (dbh) of 4'-6" as measured from the uphill side.
- DEFINITION: **Heritage Tree(s)** - Any live native oak tree of the genus *Quercus* (including blue oak (*Quercus douglasii*), valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), interior live oak (*Quercus wislizeni*), canyon live oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*), Oregon oak (*Quercus garryana*), oracle oak (*Quercus x morehus*), or hybrids thereof) with a *single main trunk measuring 36 inches dbh or greater, or with a multiple trunk with an aggregate trunk diameter measuring 36 inches or greater.*
- DEFINITION: **Individual Native Oak Tree(s)** - Any live native oak tree of the genus *Quercus* (including blue oak (*Quercus douglasii*), valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), interior live oak (*Quercus wislizeni*), canyon live oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*), Oregon oak (*Quercus garryana*), oracle oak (*Quercus x morehus*), or hybrids thereof) *with a single main trunk measuring greater than 6 but less than 36 inches dbh, or with a multiple trunk with an aggregate trunk diameter measuring greater than 10 inches dbh and is not a Heritage Tree.*
- An Oak Tree and/or Oak Woodland Removal Permit shall be required for all non-exempt ministerial (e.g., building permit-related) development activities with impacts to Oak Resources on a Developed Parcel as defined in this Ordinance.
- Permit Exemptions:
 - » **Native Oaks located as part of fire safe activities taken pursuant to an approved *Fire Safe Plan* or in accordance with Defensible Space maintenance are exempt from the mitigation requirements.**
 - » Trimming of individual Native Oak Trees so long as such trimming does not result in the physical destruction of the oak tree.
 - » Dead, dying, or diseased trees, or trees exhibiting high failure potential, as documented in writing by either a certified Arborist or Registered Professional Forester, are exempt from mitigation requirements.
 - » Trees removal permitted under a Timber Harvest Plan.
 - » Up to eight (8) native Oak trees per year may be removed from a single parcel for personal use so long as the total amount does not exceed 140".