

Information for Tree Ordinance Recommendations - Tree Permit Fees

The SUFC work group recommends keeping permit fees for single family tree removals not involving site disturbance/development low as an incentive to obtain a permit and to not make permit fees too burdensome. To get an idea of the range of fees that other cities charge for tree permits the work group did a survey of several Washington and Oregon cities.

For single family not involving development or land disturbance permit fees range from no fee to \$268. Fees for removal of hazardous trees also range from no fee to \$100. Some fees vary according to the number of trees being removed. Cities with no fee permits mostly do this to allow for tracking of trees where removal up to a certain number in a time frame are allowed but no formal permit is required. Others do not charge for removal of hazardous trees, although a permit is still required.

Permit fees for tree removal involving development are much higher and vary according to the zone and scale of development, and whether the jurisdiction charges an hourly fee for staff plan review.

Here is a table for comparison of tree removal permit fees for single family lots not involving development.

Jurisdiction	Number of Trees, no Development, Single Family Residential	Fee	Type of Permit/Other
Kirkland	Fewer than 2 trees	None	Notice
	Greater than 2 trees or other requirements related to site	\$217	Tree Removal
Issaquah	Any significant tree up to yearly or 5 year limits	None (retroactive* \$60)	Tree Removal Form
	More than annual or 5 yr limits	\$240 (retro \$480) (also multi-family & commercial)	Tree Removal Permit
	Hazardous tree removal	None	Tree Removal Permit
Tukwila	Up to 4 in 36 months	None	Inventory survey
	Trees over 8 inches dbh	\$120.75	Tree Permit
Lake Forest Park	Any number of significant trees	\$32.50 plus \$95 /hr for arborist review if needed	Minor Tree permit (less than 2 trees per 36 mos; any number of invasive trees). Major tree permit (requires arborist review)
Sammamish	less than 3 trees	None	"OTC"
	More than three w/o arborist review	\$64	
	Additional review	\$128	
Redmond, WA	Number allowed to be removed based on lot size	None	
Portland	Heritage Trees, trees over 12" dbh, or trees in overlay districts	\$35	Urban Forestry Permit

*Following enforcement action