



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **CITY OF MONTEREY'S TREE ORDINANCE UPDATE TWO COMMUNITY TOWN HALL EVENTS & SURVEY Town Halls Scheduled for Mon., October 13, 2025, at 6 p.m. and Mon., October 27, 2025, at 6 p.m.**

Monterey, Calif. – The City of Monterey's Parks Division will host two community town hall events to solicit community input on updates to the [City's tree ordinance](#). The first town hall is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2025, at the Monterey Conference Center, Colton Room, located at One Portola Plaza in downtown Monterey. The second town hall will follow on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at El Estero Park Center, located at 777 Pearl Street in Monterey. City Parks and Fire staff will provide a brief overview of the current ordinance, followed by a discussion and an opportunity to provide feedback.

"Past storms have demonstrated the impact that downed trees have on our community, with prolonged power outages and closed roads affecting our daily lives," said Park Operations Manager Thys Norton. "A primary goal of an updated tree ordinance will be to balance the need for tree preservation with community resilience, especially under these increasingly difficult winter storm events.

Monterey residents are also encouraged to take the tree ordinance survey to help the City revise an ordinance that works best for everyone. The survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/g/fyxNkuNHZU>, and also through the QR code on the flyer.

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## Background of the Tree Ordinance

Beginning in 1991, the City established an ordinance for the preservation of both City and private trees. In 2003, the City Council made some changes to that ordinance. The City regulates the trimming and removal of City trees and requires a permit to remove private trees larger than six inches in trunk diameter.

*The town halls are in-person events only. There will be no Zoom option, however, the survey is available online. See the additional Frequent Questions section on the Tree Ordinance & Facts page found under [monterey.gov/trees](https://monterey.gov/trees).*

The flyer features a photograph of a tree-lined path with people walking and biking. The bottom half of the flyer has a green background with white text. It includes the City of Monterey logo, the title 'TREE ORDINANCE UPDATE', and details for two town hall events. A QR code is provided for taking the survey, and contact information is at the bottom.

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**MONTEREY**

**TREE ORDINANCE UPDATE**  
Two Community Town Halls  
**MONTEREY RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

<b>Monday</b> October 13, 2025 6:00 p.m. Monterey Conference Center, Colton Room One Portola Plaza Monterey	<b>Monday</b> October 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. El Estero Park Center 777 Pearl Street Monterey	<b>TAKE THE SURVEY</b> 
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City staff will provide a brief overview of the current ordinance then residents will have the chance to make their voices heard.  
For more information: [monterey.gov/trees](https://monterey.gov/trees) or (831) 646-3860

[Tree Ordinance Town Hall Flyer](#)

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