

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING CHAPTER 11.08 OF TITLE 11 MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY
REGULATIONS OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE FOR TREE PROTECTION
REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City Council requested that the Environmental Commission work with City Staff to amend the City's Tree Protection Ordinance to further implement the adopted Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos looks to protect and promote the growth of a healthy and sustainable tree canopy in Los Altos. Trees in Los Altos are highly valued by the community and provide several benefits, including shade and climate resilience, habitat for wildlife, carbon sequestration and improved air quality, protection against wind and flood hazards, and aesthetic quality; and

WHEREAS, the amendments was processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the Los Altos Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting on November 28, 2023, and directed staff to incorporate changes to the draft ordinance and return to the City Council to reintroduce the ordinance for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting on January 23, 2024, and February 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF TITLE 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. Chapter 11.08 is hereby amended of the Los Altos Municipal Code as set forth in Appendix A to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY; AMBIGUITIES. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. Any ambiguities in the Los Altos Municipal Code created by this Ordinance shall be resolved by the Development Services Director, in their reasonable discretion, after consulting the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code Section 36933.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption hereof.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on January 23, 2024, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on February 13, 2024, passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jonathan D. Weinberg
MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman MMC
City Clerk

APPENDIX A
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 11.14

