
12.32.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions are used:

"Diseased tree" means a tree that has a naturally occurring disease that is expected to kill the tree, or which harbors communicable diseases or insects of a type that could infest and cause the decline of adjacent or nearby trees as determined by a certified arborist, as defined in OCMC 17.04.082.

"Hazardous tree" means a tree that presents a significant risk to life or property as determined by a certified arborist, as defined in OCMC 17.04.082. An otherwise healthy tree that may become a hazard to a proposed future development shall not be considered a hazardous tree. Hazardous trees may include, but are not limited to dead, diseased, broken, split, cracked, leaning, and uprooted trees. A tree harboring communicable diseases or insects of a type that could infest and cause the decline of adjacent or nearby trees may also be identified as a hazardous tree.

"Heritage stand" means a group of two or more trees that have been designated by the city as having unique importance, subject to the heritage tree regulations of OCMC 12.32.

"Heritage tree" means a tree that has been designated by the city as having unique importance, and subject to the heritage tree regulations of OCMC 12.32. Where a grouping of two or more heritage trees has been so designated, the term "heritage stand" may be used.

"Imminent hazard tree" means a hazardous tree, all or more than thirty percent of which has already fallen or is estimated to fall within seventy-two hours into the public right-of-way or onto a target that cannot be protected, restricted, moved, or removed. (See also Tree, hazard.) Determination of imminent hazard may be made by the city of Oregon City public works or emergency personnel, a PGE forester, or a certified arborist.

"Native tree" or "native tree stand" refers to a regulated native tree or stand of trees that are defined as such on regionally recognized plant lists. Significant native trees are those that contribute to the landscape character of the area.

"Tree stand" means a stand of three or more trees which together create a mutual canopy continuous over eighty or more percent of the area within the boundaries of the stand.