

CITY OF OAKLAND



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July 23, 2025

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OF HEARING**

**Illegal Tree Removals on Claremont Avenue at Vacant Parcel With Assessor Parcel Number  
48H-7672-18**

**Via Electronic Mail**

Matthew Bernard  
6363 Christie Ave #2104  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
Email: mattb522@gmail.com

Mr. Bernard,

We are in receipt of your email requesting a hearing before City Council concerning preliminary findings of the Tree Services Division regarding violations of the Protected Tree Ordinance, Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 12.36, as outlined in the attached Notice of Violation.

As per your request, this hearing has been scheduled to take place following your return from international travel, and has been scheduled accordingly for **November 4, 2025**. Please confirm your availability for this hearing by emailing Isaac Harvey at [IHarvey@oaklandca.gov](mailto:IHarvey@oaklandca.gov). The City will send a supplementary Notice of Hearing with any further information, including any outstanding fees related to this hearing, at least five working days prior to the hearing.

At this hearing, you shall have the burden of disproving the preliminary findings listed in the Notice of Violation. In the event you fail to appear at this hearing, these findings shall become final.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Arboricultural Inspector & Acting Tree Supervisor Isaac Harvey at [IHarvey@oaklandca.gov](mailto:IHarvey@oaklandca.gov) or Assistant Director, Bureau of Environment, Public Works Department Kristin Hathaway at [khathaway@oaklandca.gov](mailto:khathaway@oaklandca.gov).

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Clinton Pugh, Parks and Tree Services Manager  
Kristin Hathaway, Assistant Director, Public Works Department  
Tarisha Bal, Deputy City Attorney

Attachments: Notice of Violation, dated July 16, 2025