

the natural grade. If the trunk branches or splits below this point, the smallest circumference or diameter below the lowest branch shall be measured.

- iv. A multi-stemmed tree located outside the main buildable area that has a total trunk circumference of forty-eight inches or total diameter of fifteen and two-tenths inches when calculated as follows: considering all the branches at fifty-four inches above natural grade, add the measurement of the largest branch to one-half the measurement of each additional branch. Reference the Guide for Plant Appraisal authored by representatives to the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers.

Measuring Tree Size for Existing Trees {INSERT DIAGRAM}

Measuring Split Trunk Tree {INSERT DIAGRAM}

Measuring Multi-Stemmed Trees {INSERT DIAGRAM}

2. A tree that has been removed without a permit that cannot be measured pursuant to subsection (L)(1) of this section will be presumed to have been a heritage tree if it meets any of the following criteria:
 - i. The tree has a stump of at least seventeen and three-quarters inches in diameter as measured at the natural grade;
 - ii. The tree is a native oak with a minimum of seventy-five years of age;
 - iii. The tree is any other species of tree with a minimum of forty-five years of age, unless otherwise specified in this section;
 - iv. The tree is a redwood with a minimum age of thirty years of age;
 - v. In the absence of remaining physical evidence, photographs and other circumstantial evidence of characteristics, including but not limited to height, canopy dimensions, and similar trees in the immediate area may be used to create a presumption that the tree was a heritage tree.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, anyone may rebut this presumption by providing substantial evidence to the contrary to the satisfaction of the town arborist.

3. *Exemptions.* The trees listed below shall not be classified as heritage trees, regardless of their size or age, nor shall they be used for replacement plantings:
 - i. *Acacia baileyana*—Bailey acacia.
 - ii. *Acacia decurrens*—Green wattle.

