

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

April 2024

Date: 3/26/2024

Requested by: Mike Gones mikegonesce@outlook.com

Address: 1219 ½ Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 1518 Bath Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tree Species: *Araucaria columnaris,* *Common Name:* Cook Pine

Zoning/Setback: R-MH 10'

Reason for Removal: Tree has grown excessively large and leaning significantly towards neighbor and public right of way. Tree roots are uplifting/damaging our patio and growing towards our house foundation. If the tree falls it will do serious damage to neighbor's house and or fall onto the street and damage cars or hurt pedestrians.

Proposed Replacement: Yes *Semi dwarf Navel or Valencia Orange.* No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal: N/A

Date Posted: 4/16/2024.

Comments: The Committee recommends (3/0/1) that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY



Front Yard 1518 Bath Street – Mike Gones 4-24-24

Tree Removal Application

APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS

Gones
 YOUR LAST NAME YOUR FIRST NAME

OWNER'S FULL NAME (IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER)

1219 1/2 Laguna St
 YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Santa Barbara
 CITY STATE ZIP CODE

8059662259
 DAYTIME PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

TREE INFORMATION

TYPE OF TREE: **SETBACK TREE(S)** **STREET TREE(S)**

NUMBER OF TREES LOCATION OF TREE(S) - please be sure to indicate the **property address** where the trees are located

SPECIES OF TREE(S), IF KNOWN

REASONS FOR REMOVAL (TELL US WHY YOU WANT TO REMOVE THE TREE[S]). PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Whether or not the removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
- Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review, or Historic Landmarks Commission
- Whether or not the tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark

If you feel you need more space to outline the goals of your request, please feel free to attach a supplemental letter when you submit this form.

Tree has grown excessively large and is leaning significantly towards neighbor and public right of way. neighbor is complaining. Tree roots are uplifting/damaging our patio and growing towards our house foundation . We are worried that if tree falls it will do serious damage to neighbors house and/or fall onto Bath street and damage cars or hurt pedestrians.

this is not a specimen or historic tree and is not associated with any proposed development.

see attached arborist report

WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)? YES NO

IF YES, WHAT WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S) WITH?

semi dwarf Navel or Valencia Orange that grows to about 12 ft.

APPLICATION FEE

Street Tree Removal Application \$325/Setback Tree Removal Application \$125; we accept cash, check, or credit card. If paying by credit card, staff will contact you to arrange payment.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
2. Development plan/landscape plan

REMOVAL APPLICATION REVIEW

SETBACK TREES

Chapter 15.24 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code establishes protections for privately owned trees. Protected trees include designated Specimen and Historic trees, trees located in the front zoning setback of a parcel, trees located in commercial parking lots, and trees identified on an approved plan. This chapter requires that a property owner apply for a permit to remove or to significantly prune a tree.

Whenever a property owner desires to remove a designated Specimen or Historic tree or a tree located in the zoning setback from the street (setback tree), the applicant shall apply to the Parks and Recreation Department for a removal permit. **Setback tree removal applications are first reviewed by the Street Tree Advisory Committee. A site visit, by the Street Tree Advisory Committee, is included as part of the review process. The Street Tree Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The review process takes up to 60 days.** Both the Street Tree Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission consider tree applications during regularly scheduled public meetings. **If the removal request is approved, the full cost of tree removal and replacement, if required, shall be borne by the applicant.**

Applications to remove trees located in the El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District, Brinkerhoff Avenue Landmark District, commercial parking lots, or on an approved plan are processed by the Community Development Department.

STREET TREES

Chapter 15.20 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code establishes the permitting requirements for the planting, maintenance and removal of any tree within the parkway strip of any street right-of-way or public area. All trees within a parkway strip are planted and maintained according to the Master Street Tree Plan adopted by the City Council and under the authority of the Parks and Recreation Department. A written permit is required for any person to plant, prune, trim, perform maintenance on, or remove any tree planted in a parkway strip, tree well, public area or street right-of-way.

Tree Planting/Pruning: Tree Planting/Pruning applications can be submitted in the form of a letter request to be reviewed and approved by the Urban Forest Superintendent or Parks and Recreation Director. The request shall include clearly, by diagram or plot plan and photograph(s), the location and identity of the tree or trees sought to be planted, or maintained; the name and address of the applicant; name and license number of the contractor that will perform the work; and, any other relevant information.

Tree Removal: Street Tree removal applications are reviewed by the Street Tree Advisory Committee. The Street Tree Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The review process takes up to 60 days. If the tree is found to be in good condition and the removal request is granted solely for the convenience of the applicant, the full cost of such removal and replacement shall be borne by the applicant. If the removal is determined necessary due to the condition of the tree, the City will assume the responsibility for all removal and replacement costs. Tree removal will be scheduled according to other pending priorities.

APPEAL PROCESS

If the Parks and Recreation Commission denies a tree removal application, the Commission’s decision can be appealed to the Santa Barbara City Council and a written notice thereof must be filed within 10 days of the Commission’s action. The appeal notice can be either hand delivered to the Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or mailed to the City Clerk at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. An appeal processing fee is required in the amount of \$845, as currently set per City Council resolution.

REMOVAL OF A SETBACK OR STREET TREE WITHOUT A PERMIT

In December 2009, the City Council established the following fine schedule associated with the removal of a setback tree without a permit.

Action without, or in violation of, a permit	Trunk diameter from 4” up to 12”	Trunk diameter over 12” and up to 24”	Trunk diameter over 24”
Tree Removal	Up to \$1,000	Up to \$3,000	Up to \$5,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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 Parks and Recreation Department
 City of Santa Barbara
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NSlack@SantaBarbaraCA.gov



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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March 19, 2024

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Arborist Report

I visited your property at the above address at your request on February 28 of this year and was shown a tall *Araucaria sp.* conifer in the front yard. It is a healthy specimen though has a somewhat twisted trunk in the lower part of the tree. I noticed a 3-4' long longitudinal line of ruptured bark starting at about eight feet up the trunk. This could be a superficial split or could be the result of an internal rupturing of tree support tissue due to the stress induced by the twisted growth of this tall tree.

I recommend that the tree be removed as it may be considered a hazard to the neighbor to the east.

Duke McPherson
Certified arborist with the
International Society of
Arboriculture
Certification # WE-690A







3/21/2024
SET BACK TREE

- STAR JASMINE
- (E) EUGENIA HEDGES
- WHITE AGAPANTHUS

• BEAR'S BREECH

• (E) TRISTANIA

• (E) NORFOLK

• WHITE AGAPANTHUS

• (E) EUGENIA HEDGES

STREET

• (E) JACARANDA

BATH

• (E) EUGENIA HEDGES

• BEAR'S BREECH

• WHITE AGAPANTHUS

