

City of Santa Barbara FORESTRY DIVISION STREET TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

ATTACHMENT 1

September 2022

Date: 8/23/2022

Requested by: Barbara Smith <u>bsmithinsb@gmail.com</u>

Address: 1014A Calle De Los Amigos, Santa Barbara CA 93105

Location of Tree: 1014A Calle De Los Amigos, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: Schinus molle, Common Name: Pepper Tree

Requested Reason for Removal: A prolific pepper tree is a toxic species and is full of toxic red berries

that permeate the air in our home. Family has allergies and is having difficulty breathing.

Current designated Street Tree: None. TBD.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal: \(\sums

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: \square Deny Removal: \square N/A \boxtimes

Date Posted: 9/8/2022

Comments: The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY





Tree Removal Application

WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)?

YES

NO

APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS Smith Barbara YOUR LAST NAME YOUR FIRST NAME OWNER'S FULL NAME (IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER) 1014A Calle de los Amigos YOUR MAILING ADDRESS Santa Barbara CA 93105 CITY **STATE** ZIP CODE 805-729-6767 bsmithinsb@gmail.com **DAYTIME PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS** TREE INFORMATION TYPE OF TREE: **SETBACK** TREE(S) STREET TREE(S) on the parkway directly in front of our home at 1014A Calle de los Amigos **NUMBER OF TREES** LOCATION OF TREE(S)) - please be sure to indicate the property address where the trees are located pepper tree 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. A prolific pepper tree is located on the City parkway directly in front of our Valle Verde home. It is a toxic species and the tree in front of us is covered with toxic red berries that permeate the air in our home. I have been told that because of this toxicity, pepper trees are no longer allowed to be planted in the state of Arizona. I am allergic to pepper trees and my husband has COPD. We are both having difficulty breathing in our home. We have installed a HEPA filter and we purchased two freestanding Blue air filters but, with the tree's branches a mere twenty feet from our porch and front door, we continue to have severe breathing difficulties. For this reason, we request that the pepper tree be removed.

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

We are willing to work with the City to plant a tree than is not toxic or likely to cause allergic reactions.





