

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

October 2022

Date: 9/27/2022

Requested by: Gail Gorton gailmoana@hotmail.com

Address: 211 Via Sevilla, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Location of Tree: 211 Via Sevilla, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: *Ficus microcarpa*, *Common Name:* Indian Laurel Fig

Zoning/Setback: E-3/S-D3 20'

Reason for Removal: The tree is too big for the area and has caused damage to the sidewalk, and will continue to do so.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

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

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

Date Posted: 10/12/2022

Comments: The Committee recommends (2/1) that the Commission approve the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY



Tree Removal Application

APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS

Gorton		Gail	
YOUR LAST NAME		YOUR FIRST NAME	
OWNER'S FULL NAME (IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER)			
211 VIA SEVILLA			
YOUR MAILING ADDRESS			
SANTA BARBARA	CA	93109	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
805-729-1135	gailmoana@hotmail.com		
DAYTIME PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS		

TREE INFORMATION

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

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

Ficus Benjamina
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.

The tree is too big for the area. I was denied initially. The tree committee stated that the damage to my neighbor's roots was not my liability, however my insurance agent said that was not the case. I have an email from her with the cost paid out to repair the damage: \$30,000+.

I also have a letter from my tree trimmer stating that the tree is too big for the area and has caused damage to the sidewalk, and will continue to do so.

WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)? YES NO

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

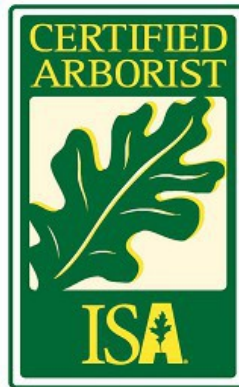
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By: Nicholas A. Gosnell, ISA Certified Arborist

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ISA Certified Arborist Report for

Brad Merritt

Date: 8/10/2022



Prepared for: Gail Gordon

Job Location: 211 Via Sevilla, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Submitted by: Nicholas A. Gosnell

International Society of Arboriculture Certification ID #: WE-8017A

Mailing Address: 2416 De La Vina St Apt #5 . Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Phone: (805) 570-9876

Inspection Notes:

Upon inspection of 211 Via Sevilla, Santa Barbara, CA 93109 there is 1 Large Ficus Tree that is very invasive. My recommendations are as follows.

Removal of the tree:

1. This tree is cracking my clients driveway and lifting up the sidewalk.
2. Tree has obstructed and damaged underground pipes and sewer lines.
3. Tree must be constantly trimmed due to extremely rapid growth.

I have added a image to show the tree in its current state.



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Final Notes:

It is my professional opinion that this tree should be removed due to that fact that it is highly invasive. I ultimately think that it would benefit my client and her neighbors by taking this tree out and replacing it with something less invasive.

Thank you for caring about our trees and environment.

Regards,

Nicholas A. Gosnell

Patricia Herrera

From: Nathan Slack
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Gail Gorton
Cc: Patricia Herrera
Subject: RE: payment for tree removal application

Hi Gail

Thanks for your email. In the event you are unable to attend, we will make sure the Committee knows that you had scheduling conflicts.

Patty – please print out the below email and include it with your materials.

Nathan Slack

Urban Forest Superintendent
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, P&R
(805) 564-5592 | nslack@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

From: Gail Gorton [<mailto:gailmoana@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Patricia Herrera <PHerrera@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>; Nathan Slack <nslack@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>
Subject: Re: payment for tree removal application

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Patricia/Nathan:

I will try joining the meeting on Thursday, but it is during my work hours and will be dependent on what comes across my desk, and afterwards, I have a scheduled doctor appointment at 1 pm. It is possible that i will not be able to join. I hope that my provided documents will provide reason for my request for tree removal, and that my absence does not indicate disinterest in the approval.

Thank you,
Gail

Gail

Imagination is the highest form of research.
Albert Einstein

From: Patricia Herrera <PHerrera@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 10:45 AM