

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

April 2024

Date: 3/26/2024

Requested by: Louis Manzo louismanzosb@gmail.com

Address: 3877 Center Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Location of Tree: 3626 Rockcreek Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: *Liquidambar styraciflua,* *Common Name:* American Sweetgum

Zoning/Setback: RS-7.5 20'

Reason for Removal: This tree drops thousands of seed pods the size of golf balls with sharp pointed spines. These seed pods are a slipping hazard. I have also had my fire insurance cancelled due to close proximity of the tree to the house. The tree's roots are very invasive and surround the home's foundation, and tree roots are starting to break a retaining wall.

Proposed Replacement: Yes 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 (4/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY



Front Yard 3626 Rockcreek Road – Louis Manzo 4-24-24

Tree Removal Application

APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS

Manzo Louis

YOUR LAST NAME YOUR FIRST NAME

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

3877 Center Ave

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Santa Barbara CA 93110

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

805-570-7274 louismanzosb@gmail.com

DAYTIME PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

TREE INFORMATION

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

1 3626 Rockcreek Rd., Santa Barbara

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

Liquid Amber

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.

This tree drops thousands of seed pods the size of small golf balls with sharp pointed spines. My son, daughter-in-law and 4 month old grandson now live in the house. These seed pods are a slipping hazard as they fall on the street sidewalks and on our sloping driveway. My son has slipped on these pods while carrying his newborn and neighbors have also complained that they have slipped on these pods. I have a gardener that comes and sweeps them up only to find a hundred more have dropped overnight. I have also had my fire insurance canceled due to the close proximity of the tree to the house. The tree's roots are also very invasive and are surrounding the home's foundation. The roots are also starting to break a retaining wall so unfortunately, it is time to remove the tree. In the last five years I have planted 2 Evergreen Pear trees in the rear yard and an Olive tree in the front yard so I will not be replacing the Liquid Amber.

WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)? YES NO

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

