

**June 2016**

*Date:* 5/1/16

*Requested by:* Anastasia (Nancy) Atwill

*Address:* 1012 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

*Location of Tree:* 1012 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Tree Species:** *Pittosporum undulatum*

**Common Name:** Victorian Box

*Requested Reason for Removal:* Sticky orange/red pods drop on parked cars and erode clear-coat; their sap hardens over time; they stick to the sidewalk causing gummy messes that require scraping and chemical removal.

*Current designated Street Tree:* *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Tree (December 16, 1999)

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Date Posted:* 6/7/16

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

**PHOTO INVENTORY**





City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department  
SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION

**Mailing Address:**  
PO Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102  
(805) 564-5433

**Physical Address:**  
402 E. Ortega St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
FAX (805) 897-2524

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

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DATE OF REQUEST:	5/1/16
APPLICANT:	Anastasia (Nancy) Atwill
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1012 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-450-6322      448-8856
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	Same as above
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Pittosporum
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Sticky orange/red pods drop on parked cars and erode clear-coat; their sap hardens over time; they stick to the sidewalk causing gummy messes that require scraping and chemical removal
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES      WITH: Xeriscape no-water landscaping such as Dymondia or crushed granite <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
  - 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;
  - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark;
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan

May 2, 2016

City of Santa Barbara, Parks and Recreation Dep't.  
Tree Removal Request

To Whom it May Concern:

I purchased my home at 1012 W. Micheltorena St in 2005, and won the "Santa Barbara Beautiful" award for my drought-resistant landscaping in 2009. Since I moved in, I've been dealing with a progressively worsening problem regarding one of the pittosporum trees on the curb strip in front of my home. This tree produces orange seed-pods that drop on to the roofs of parked cars and on to the sidewalk. A sticky sap is exuded which eats away at the clearcoat of cars, and makes for a very labor-intensive sidewalk cleanup job each year. In addition, the pittosporum trees lining Micheltorena are *all* looking poorly. They may be suffering from drought stress, or disease, so perhaps they should all be replaced.

As this particular tree has grown, the production of these pods has increased. I have neighbors who know not to park there, for fear their cars will devalue quickly. Local residents taking a walk sometimes have to step off the sidewalk *into the street* if they want to avoid having the sticky pods become glued to the bottoms of their shoes, or their baby-stroller wheels.

- The tree is NOT on the historical or specimen tree list
- Removal application is NOT associated with any development other than the beautifying of the curb strip.

#### Landscape Plan

Our street is lined with a variety of trees, and my particular curb already has two other trees on it, so removal of this one will not leave the area bare in any way. In addition, my plan is to landscape the ground attractively (in complement to my award-winning xeriscape garden) with crushed rock, perhaps with a drought-resistant groundcover (such as *Dymondia*), and maybe interspersed with drought-resistant coastal desert plants. Please see attached photographs of tree in question, as well as an idea for re-landscaping of strip.

Thank you!

Anastasia Atwill  
(805) 450-6322

