

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

February 2017

Date: 1/17/17

Requested by: Kathryn A. McGill

Address: mcgillka.us@gmail.com

Location of Tree: 1533 Crestline Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: *Washingtonia robusta* *Common Name:* Mexican Fan Palm

Zoning/Setback: E – 1 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: Very tall palm is much too close to house, which creates hazard to foundation and roof/gutters. Removal is part of major front yard landscaping to replace lawn with "rain-garden".

Proposed Replacement: Yes TBD will work with Landscape Architect to determine appropriate replacement. No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 2/9/17

Comments: The Committee (4/0) recommends approval on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that can accommodate the proposed rain garden and can achieve a height of 25' or more.

PHOTO INVENTORY



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SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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)

PAYED

DATE OF REQUEST:	January 16, 2017
APPLICANT:	Kathryn A McGill <i>[Signature]</i>
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1533 Crestline Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
DAYTIME PHONE:	(413) 378-0776
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	1533 Crestline Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Palm
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	1. Very tall palm is much too close to house, which creates hazard to foundation and roof/gutters. 2. Removal is part of major front yard landscaping to replace lawn with "rain-garden".
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: TBD - Will work with Landscape Architect to determine appropriate replacement <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

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16th January, 2017

SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

Dear Committee and Commission members,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information in support of our application to remove a setback tree located at 1533 Crestline Drive, in the the Bel Air Knolls neighborhood. The tree we wish to remove is a tall palm, which is located 28 feet from the setback boundary (inner sidewalk), and 37 feet from the street itself. The tree is noted on the enclosed photograph.

The reasons for removing this tree are as follows:

- 1) The tree is much too close to the house, particularly for its size and height. This poses a hazard to both our foundation and the drain lines. In addition, falling palm fronds can damage the roof and gutter systems.
- 2) We have kicked off a project to relandscape the front yard in order to remove the entire lawn and replace it with a more drought-friendly alternative. We have hired a landscape architect (Laurel Brady), who is currently drawing up our plans. We plan to replace the portion of the lawn nearest the existing palm with a water retention swale in order to trap runoff from our roof. The existing landscaping, including the palm, will be replaced with permanent plantings that are appropriate to the climate and the space. To the extent that irrigation is needed, we will utilize a drip system. We have a particular interest in creating habitat, so will be looking closely at using native species where possible and appropriate.

We have decided to apply for tree removal now, rather than wait for plan completion, because there is no doubt that we will do the relandscaping project. Our goal is to have the project completed ASAP, so that we can have planting done before the upcoming summer dry season, but this will of course be dependent on many factors, including contractor availability. We have also recently had a city "Waterwise" inspection, which started a 120 day clock for any potential rebates. To keep things moving forward we would like to remove the palm tree at the same time as we remove our lawn.

We appreciate the time and effort that will be taken to review this application, and want to thank you for your consideration. Naturally, we hope for a successful outcome. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at either the phone number or email address listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn McGill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathryn McGill

Enclosures:

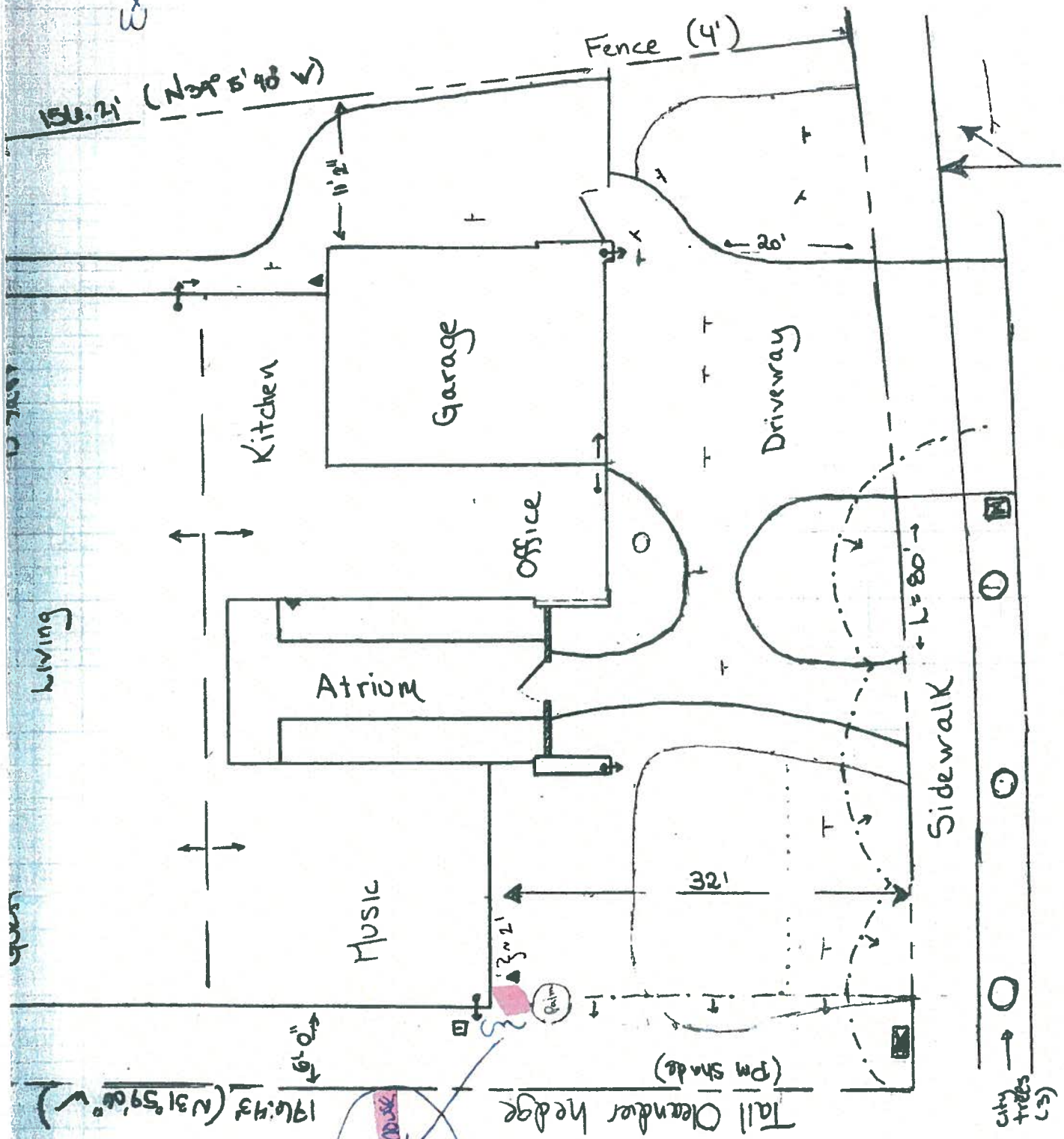
- 1) Completed application
- 2) Photo (photocopy) of house showing location of palm tree
- 3) Existing site map showing close proximity of tree to side of the house
- 4) Check for \$50.00



← Palm tree
to be removed

Existing Site Plan

1" = 10'



150.21' (N 39° 51' 48" W)

Fence (4')

Kitchen

Garage

Driveway

Office

Atrium

Music

Sidewalk

City trees

Tall Oleander hedge

Note: 2' from base

196.43' (N 31° 59' 06" W)

32'

30' 21"

6' 0"

L=80'

