

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

October 2017

Date: 9/15/17

Requested by: Joe and Melanie Allen

Address: mjallen@cox.net

Location of Tree: 525 Arroyo Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: *Quercus agrifolia* *Common Name:* Coast Live Oak

Zoning/Setback: E – 1 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: Older oak tree that overhangs the road, afraid it is going to fall over and hit cars because the tree leans at a precarious angle toward their driveway. Tree has outgrown its natural space, and is immediately adjacent to utility box and gas lines with potential for interference.

Proposed Replacement: Yes w/ smaller, straighter ornamental tree. No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 10/11/17

Comments: The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY





CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

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

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Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433

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402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	9/14/2017
APPLICANT:	JOE & MELANIE ALLEN
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	mjallen@cox.net
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	525 ARROYO AVE, SBCA 93109
DAYTIME PHONE:	(805) 324-4345
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	525 ARROYO AVE
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	OAK
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	SEE ATTACHED
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: SMALLER, STRAIGHTER ORNAMENTAL TREE THAT WILL BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO THE LOCATION <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

Joe & Melanie Allen
525 Arroyo Ave, SB, CA 93109
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PROPERTY OWNER'S STATEMENT

- Removal application is not part of a new development or redevelopment of property. It is part of our regular property maintenance.
- Status of development application: N/A
- Tree is not designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark.

We are requesting a permit for the removal of our oak tree for the following reasons:

- 1) It is an older oak tree that overhangs the road. (see picture #1) It has been hit by large trucks on numerous occasions. (see picture #2)
- 2) Our neighbors are afraid it is going to fall over and hit their cars because the tree leans at a precarious angle toward their driveway.
- 3) We have been doing regular maintenance of the tree to keep it out of traffic which is costly and time consuming. (see picture #3)
- 4) The tree has out grown its natural space, and is immediately adjacent to utility (water) box and gas lines with potential for interference.
- 5) We would like to replace it with a straighter, ornamental tree more appropriate to the location which will not interfere with traffic or worry our neighbors.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our application. If you need to inspect the tree, you are welcome to come by the house anytime.

Sincerely,



Melanie Allen

