

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2018

Date: 6/13/18

Requested by: William and Beth Evick

Address: bevick@gmail.com

Location of Tree: 120 Summit Ln., Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Tree Species: (3) *Pinus canariensis*, *Common Name:* Canary Island Pines

Zoning/Setback: RS-25 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: Fire danger and replant/re-landscaping.

Proposed Replacement: Yes w/Date palm No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 8/9/18

Comments: The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the applicant replace the trees with at least one tree that can achieve 30' or more in height.

PHOTO INVENTORY





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

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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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)

PAID

DATE OF REQUEST:	6.13.18
APPLICANT:	William + Beth Evick
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	bevick@gmail.com 120 Summit LN. SB, CA 93108
DAYTIME PHONE:	805 636 3810
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	same as mailing address
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	3 canary Island pines (in front island)
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Fire danger & replant/re-landscaping
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: DATE PALM <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

Timothy Downey

From: William Evick <bevick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Timothy Downey
Cc: Deborah Halvorson; Beth Evick
Subject: 120 Summit Lane Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Dear Tim:

We are requesting the removal of three pine trees at the property we just purchased. The trees are very old and for some unknown reason, the last owner topped each tree. We are in the process completely renovating the house/landscaping and the pine trees do not fit into the new landscaping plans. The new landscaping plans also have new plants that will have issues growing under the current pine trees. We are planning to replace these trees with a mature canary palm tree.

On a final note...we are also very concerned that these pine trees are a fire danger to my property. They are very dirty and constantly drop needles and sap.

I greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to removing these trees from my property.

Sincerely,

Bill and Beth Evick



City of Santa Barbara

Fire Department

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City of Santa Barbara
Park and Recreation Commission
620 Laguna Street
Santa Barbara Ca. 93101

Subject: Recommendation to remove three pine trees at 120 Summit Lane

Administration

Tel: 805 965 5254

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Fire Prevention/ Public Education

Tel: 805.564.5702

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121 W. Carillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA
93101

Dear Commission Members,

I was asked to inspect three pine trees located at 120 Summit Lane within the City of Santa Barbara, High Fire Hazard Area and located in a City Street Setback. The owners have requested to remove these trees and replace them with one mature date palm.

The trees were inspected on June 20, 2018 and based on that inspection I would support the removal of the three pines and approve their replacement with one mature date palm.

The removal and replacement of these trees will incorporate fire resistant landscaping into an area that is located within the City High Fire Hazard Area and is required by Chapter 8.04 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code as outlined by the 2016 California Fire Code, Chapter 49 to meet Defensible Space Requirements. To meet defensible space requirements new development in the High Fire Hazard Area is required to comply with the High Fire Hazard Area Landscape Requirements (HFHALR). The HFHALR prohibit the planting of pine species within the required defensible space area.

This property is not a new development and the Fire Department does not typically require property owners to remove existing trees within the defensible space if they can reduce the fire prone characteristics of specific plant species through maintenance. However, in this case the removal of the three fire prone pines with the replacement of one mature date palm will increase the fire safety for this property, adjacent properties and road clearance requirements along Summit Lane. It will align the property closer to meeting defensible space by incorporating High Fire Hazard Landscape Requirements into their property.

I've enclosed the High Fire Hazard Area Landscape Requirements for your review and recommend removal of the pines and replacement with one mature date palm.

Sincerely,

Ann Marx, Wildland Fire Specialist

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CC Fire Department - High Fire Hazard Landscape Requirements