

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

June 2020

Date: 5/21/2020

Requested by: Rhonda Wheatley

Address: Rwheatle3@gmail.com

Location of Tree: 536 Bath St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tree Species: *Pinus pinea* *Common Name:* Italian Stone Pine

Zoning/Setback: R-MH 10'

Reason for Removal: Tree roots are destroying my retaining wall and foundation.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 6/10/2020

Comments: The Committee recommends (3/0/1 DeMola) that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY





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

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
MAY 21 2020
PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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

PAID

DATE OF REQUEST:	5/21/2020
APPLICANT:	Rhonda Wheatley
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	Rwheatle3@gmail.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	650-823-9498
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	536 Bath St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Stone Pine
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Tree roots are destroying my retaining wall and foundation.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED: Yes [] With: 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 21, 2020

Rhonda Wheatley

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Re: Stone Pine at 536 Bath St, Santa Barbara 93101

Reasons for Removal: The tree roots are destroying my retaining wall and foundation. (See attached photos). My neighbor told me the roots were also pushing up her patio. I've been waking up with headaches every morning and I found out today that the droppings from the tree have lots of pollen which cause severe allergies.

Last year one of the larger tree limbs broke off onto the sidewalk. I had to have someone come over with a chain saw to cut it up and haul it away.

I actually love the tree but I can't afford to allow it to destroy my house and the neighbor's property as well. I don't want to be liable for someone getting hit with a falling limb. I've looked into having it pruned but I'm told that this time of year is the worst time because it would drip sap all over and pruning wouldn't alleviate the problem with the roots.

In addition, the tree that is now planted on the median strip (magnolia) isn't getting enough sunlight and looks like it is dying. You can see the difference between the health of the two Magnolia trees in the photos.

I would greatly appreciate if you would grant this permit application. I've provided my information above. If there is any additional information you would like me to provide, please let me know. I would gladly plant another type of tree to replace the stone pine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Wheatley