



ALBANY CALIFORNIA

STREET TREE REMOVAL APPEAL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who: Any Applicant or party with standing may appeal a decision by the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission decision regarding City Tree Removal

When: A written appeal must be filed within 15 calendar days of the Commission decision

Where: Appeals of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission decisions are filed with the City Clerk

Cost: \$200.00 (non-refundable)

Process:

The appeal of the decision by the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission shall be heard at the earliest possible regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Public notice of the Council meeting shall include the same notification as set forth in Sections 2.5 and 2.6. of the CITY TREE REMOVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES.

After considering public testimony and the findings of the Urban Forester and the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission, the City Council shall determine if the City Tree Removal Permit Application will be accepted or denied. The decision of the City Council shall be final.

Date of decision being appealed:

10 / 12 / 2023

Type of decision: **Please check one**

Removal approval

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Removal denial

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If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please call the City Clerk at (510) 528-5720 or the Urban Forester at (510)559-4275.

City Tree Location/Address: 1444 Portland Ave

Tree Species/No.: Liquidambar/1

Applicant Name: Jesse Nawy

Address: 1444 Portland Ave

Phone Number: 510-295-9005

Appellant Name: Jesse Nawy

Address: 1444 Portland Ave

Phone Number: 510-295-9005

Basis of Appeal: (Please be precise) See attached letter that was presented to the PROS Commission.

Signature: 

Date: 10-31-23

Date Filed:

Received by:

Fee: \$

Receipt #:

Appeal Agenda Date:

PROS

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City Council

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In addition to the issues addressed in the previous letter, I have concerns regarding the roots that have risen above ground level on the front lawn. In the past I've resodded the yard, but the roots absorb all the water killing off the lawn. I've considered a water conserving front yard, but the balls that fall from the tree make it next to impossible for upkeep. Additionally, I'm concerned that the roots are affecting my dwelling as they have lifted the walk way to my front porch making it less safe to walk on (see image below). The roots may now be affecting the house foundation. In the past they have broken my water line. As noted in the previous letter, there is a large dead branch in the tree and the city has had to use a chain saw to remove branches from my car in the past (see images below).

Basically I feel like I'm being held hostage by the tree. I don't see why a resident, and homeowner of this property of 32 years, should be worried about the tree roots ruining my home or branches or limbs causing injury, or damage to personal property. I ask you again, please remove the tree. Let's plant something sustainable.

