



**CITY OF  
SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**City Staff to complete.**

**Note: Fee must accompany original signed appeal form.**

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## **TREE REMOVAL APPEAL FORM**

**Community Development Department**

### **SECTION 1. APPELLANT INFORMATION**

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In accordance with the procedures set forth in **Chapter 12.24.180** of the San Luis Obispo Municipal Code, I hereby appeal the decision of the:

City Arborist- Tree Removal Application **12.24.090 (E)(2)** (appealed to Tree Committee)

☒ Appeal: \$140.80

City Arborist- Tree Removal Application **12.24.090 (F)(1)** (appealed to the Community Development Director)

☐ Appeal: \$140.80

Community Development Director- Tree Removal Application **12.24.090 (F)(2)** (appealed to the City Council)

☐ Appeal: \$140.80

Community Development Director or Hearing Officer- Tree Removal Application **12.24.090 (E)(3)** (appealed to the City Council)

☐ Appeal: \$140.80

Planning Commission- Tree Removal Application **12.24.090 (E)(4)** (appealed to the City Council)

☐ Appeal: \$140.80

**SECTION 2. SUBJECT OF APPEAL:**

The date the decision being appealed was rendered: 5.14.24

Tree Removal address: 2125 Story Rd. SLO CA 93401 Application number: Tree-0200-2024

Explain specifically **what** action(s) you are appealing and **why** you believe your appeal should be considered. You may attach additional pages, if necessary:

Dear Tree Committee Members,

I am writing to appeal the decision regarding the removal of two large Ash trees located at the front entrance of Hawthorne Elementary School within the San Luis Coastal Unified School District. The denial of our application for tree removal has raised concerns about safety and accessibility for our students, staff, and the community.

The following points outline our reasons for appealing this decision:

**Public Right-of-Way Obstruction:** The large Ash trees and their extensive root systems have become a significant obstruction in the public right-of-way. The sidewalk concrete at the base of these trees has been lifted and cracked, creating multiple tripping hazards. This poses a risk to pedestrians, especially our young elementary students at the entrance of Hawthorne Elementary School.

**Safety Concerns:** The ongoing danger posed by these trees cannot be overlooked. Their branches are prone to breakage, especially during storms or high winds. We are deeply concerned about the safety of everyone who uses the school entrance.

**Maintenance Issues:** The damaged sidewalk concrete requires continuous maintenance, diverting resources and time away from other essential tasks. By removing the trees, we can address this issue more effectively.  
Our proposed solution is as follows:

**Tree Removal:** We respectfully request the removal of the two large and destructive Ash trees. Once removed, we can proceed with necessary repairs to the sidewalk.

**Replanting with Japanese Crape Myrtles:** After the hazardous trees are taken down and the sidewalk is replaced, we would request to replant the area with two beautiful Japanese Crape Myrtles at the District's expense. These trees are known for their aesthetic appeal and manageable size, ensuring a safer environment for everyone.

**Sidewalk Repairs:** The District would commit to covering the expenses associated with repairing the sidewalk.

Our primary goal is to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and visitors.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your consideration and hope for a favorable resolution.

Sincerely,

Chris Bonin

Director of Facilities, Grounds and Transportation

Signature of Appellant

5.22.24

Date

**Chapter 12.24.180  
APPEALS**

**Section**  
**12.24.180**      Appeals

A. Any person aggrieved by an act or determination of the authorized approving authority exercising the authority herein granted shall have the right to appeal the decision of the authorized approving authority as set forth in this section.

B. Appeals received by the city clerk within ten calendar days from the date of determination or act shall cause the director to withhold tree removal permits and any permits for construction or demolition activity relying on the subject tree removal until the appeal is heard and a decision is reached.

<b>Removal Application Type</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Appeal Body</b>
Imminent Hazard to Life or Property <u>Section 12.24.090 (E)(1)(a)</u>	City Arborist	No Appeal
Tree Health and Hazard Mitigation <u>Section 12.24.090 (E)</u>	City Arborist	Tree Committee
Minor Ministerial Development Permit (removal for a residential or accessory construction on an R-1 or R-2 lot) <u>Section 12.24.090 (F)(1)</u>	City Arborist	Community Development Director
Ministerial Development Permits <u>Section 12.24.090 (F)(2)</u>	Community Development Director	City Council
Discretionary Permits (Director Action/ Director Hearing/ Minor and Moderate Development Review/ Minor Use Permit/ Minor Subdivision) <u>Section 12.24.090(F)(3)</u>	Community Development Director or Hearing Officer	Planning Commission
Major Development Review/Tentative Tract Map/Conditional Use Permit <u>Section 12.24.090(F)(4)</u>	Planning Commission	City Council

**The San Luis Obispo Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 1662 and legislation passed through May 7, 2019.**

**Disclaimer:** The City Clerk's Office has the official version of the San Luis Obispo Municipal Code. Users should contact the City Clerk's Office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

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