



Community Development

919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3218
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TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

For all Non-Construction and Construction related tree removals

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| Owner Name: Susan Lubin-Brownlie | | Applicant Name: Wesley Thompson | |
| Address: 22484 Ferdinand Drive | | Address: 2475 Meadow Street | |
| City: Salinas | Zip: 93908 | City: San Luis Obispo | Zip: 93401 |
| Phone: (831) 320-3001 | | Phone: (805) 550-4143 | |
| Email: slubin484@aol.com | | Email: wesleythomp@gmail.com | |
| Address of Tree(s): 2475 Meadow Street | | | |
| Number of trees applying to remove: 2 | | | |
| Tree Species: Eucalyptas | | | |
| Reason for Removal: Trees are very large and are located between 2 residences on a slope in the rear yard. There is the potential for limbs or entire tree to fall and damage property or residents. The space is no longer adequate for the size of trees and the maintenance burden is substantial. Trees pose a significant inconvenience to applicant and neighbor. Leaf oil does not allow for any other vegetation growth. | | | |
| Is this removal a City Tree? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW Dog in yard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | |
| Is this associated with a Building Permit or Development Plan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please provide appropriate reference numbers: | | | |
| Is this property governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please provide HOA Board Approved Meeting minutes authorizing tree removal(s) with your tree removal application. | | | |

ALL ITEMS BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED TO PROCESS TREE REMOVAL APPLICATIONS

- Tree(s) banded with ribbon or duct tape for identification
- Site plan drawing or photo of tree site with Tree ID (Tree#1, Tree #2, etc.)
- Supporting documentation (repair, receipts, etc.)
- Photo log showing damage or reasons for removal¹
- Replanting plan²
- Arborist Report³

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
 FAILURE TO KEEP TREES BANDED MAY RESULT IN A REJECTED APPLICATION.**



1. Include a photo log that clearly shows the trees requested for removal. All tree(s) must be uniquely identified by a number and a ribbon, or an identifier wrapped around the trunk in the photo and prior to inspection.



2. Include a replanting plan in accordance with Section [12.24.090\(J\)](#) of the City's Municipal Code. A minimum 1:1 replanting rate is required for plantings onsite, and a minimum 2:1 replanting rate is required for plantings offsite or within the public right-of-way.



3. An application for tree removal on a site where a discretionary or ministerial development permit is requested shall include an arborist report and a site plan that includes accurate drip line delineation and cross sections of construction work impacting both trees proposed for removal and trees planned to remain.

Tree Removal Decisions as outlined in Section 12.24.090 of the City’s Municipal Code

| SELECT TYPE OF TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION BEING SUBMITTED | DECISION MAKER |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Imminent Hazard to Life or Property SLOMC 12.24.090(E)(1)(a) | City Arborist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Health and Hazard Mitigation SLOMC 12.24.090(E) | City Arborist |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convenience Removal SLOMC 12.24.090(E)(3) <i>Tree Committee makes recommendation to Community Development Director</i> | Community Development Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Ministerial Development Permit SLOMC 12.24.090(F)(1) <i>Removal for residential or accessory construction on an R-1 or R-2 lot</i> | City Arborist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary Permits Construction Tree Removal SLOMC 12.24.090(F)(3) | Community Development Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Development / Tentative Tract Map/ Conditional Use Permit SLOMC 12.24.090(F)(4) | Planning Commission |

Submittal Instructions

Submit Tree Removal applications to the City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department at the following address: 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or by email to trees@slocity.org.

Payment of the “Tree Removal Permit” fee shall be submitted along with this application. Refer to the City’s current Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the current fee.

Property Owner Authorization:

By signing this application, I certify that I have reviewed this completed application and the attached material and consent to its filing. I agree to allow the Community Development Department to duplicate and distribute submitted materials to interested persons as it determines is necessary for the processing of the application.

Digitally signed by:  12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date

Applicant/ Representative Certification:

By signing this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate. I understand the City might not approve what I’m applying for or might set conditions of approval. I agree to allow the Community Development Department to duplicate and distribute submitted materials to interested persons as it determines is necessary for processing of the application.

Wesley Thompson Digitally signed by Wesley Thompson
Date: 2024.12.08 16:04:50 -08'00' 12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date

Permission to Access Property:

This section is to be completed by the property owner and/or occupant who controls access to the property. To adequately evaluate the submitted proposal, Community Development Department Staff, Commissioners and City Council Members will have to gain access to the exterior of the real property in order to adequately review and report on the proposed request. Your signature below certifies that you agree to give the City permission to access the project site from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, as part of the normal review of this application.

Wesley Thompson Digitally signed by Wesley Thompson
Date: 2024.12.08 16:20:30 -08'00' 12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date

Indemnification Agreement:

The Owner/Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City or its agents or officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, the City’s approval of this project. In the event that the City fails to promptly notify the Owner / Applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding, or that the City fails to cooperate fully in the defense of said claim, this condition shall thereafter be of no further force or effect.

Wesley Thompson Digitally signed by Wesley Thompson
Date: 2024.12.08 16:23:45 -08'00' 12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date

Subject: 2475 Meadow Street Tree Removal Application Attachment

Introduction:

This tree removal application is being submitted to the City of San Luis Obispo to request a permit to remove 2 large non-native Eucalyptus trees in the rear yard of residence 2475 Meadow Street in San Luis Obispo. It is the owners, applicants', and adjacent neighbors' opinion that these trees are too large and burdensome for the current setting of being in a smaller sized rear yard within proximity to two residential houses (Primary resident address 2475 and the adjacent neighbor's residence is 2493 Meadow St).

Background:

The property was purchased by the current owner in January 2016 and the current tenants have been living there since. Both trees were existing at the time of purchase and have continued to grow over the past 8 years. Pruning maintenance has been performed on both trees as well as installing a cable anchor to support a large section of Tree ID #2's upper canopy. Even with this effort, limbs have fallen on the rear yard annually and the potential for large limbs to fall persists. The trees are located on a 2:1 sloped area of the yard that increases the potential that if these trees were to fall, they would land over the top of the 2475 residential structure. In addition, the trees both litter leaves and seeds year around that collect on the resident's roof and yard space. To manage the litter from the trees the owners employ a landscape contractor to perform routine maintenance on the property twice a month. The oil from the leaves does not allow other landscaping to survive. The tenants also regularly remove leaf piles from the roof and rain gutters to prevent risk of property damage that would occur otherwise. Factoring regular clean up, pruning, and anchoring of these trees the cost has been upward of \$10,000 in total over the past 8 years. The property contains 2 other large sycamore trees in the front yard that also pose maintenance challenges however the owners support keeping and caring for these trees. Lastly, the adjacent neighbors (2445 Meadow St and 497 Woodbridge St) rear yards have 5 redwood trees that are large and growing. This information is intended to convey that there is substantial other large trees in close proximity to the 2 requested to be removed.

Conclusion:

The owner and tenants would request the city grant a tree removal permit due to the justification provided in this letter and application. The size and scale of these trees is a risk to both dwellings if/when limbs and/or the entire trees were to fall. The owner and applicant have made significant efforts to manage and maintain the trees over the past 8 years. However, the burden and cost of managing these trees has become overwhelming and no longer feels sustainable. We look forward to working together to come to a resolution. Please reach out if there are any questions related to processing this application and request.

Thanks, Wesley Thompson

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Tree ID #1 – Eucalyptus in rear yard with approx. 6.5' circumference and 2' diameter trunk at 4.5' height from ground.



Tree ID #2 – Eucalyptus in rear yard with approx. 9.5' circumference and 3' diameter trunk at 4.5' height from ground.



Side view of trees on 2:1 slope. Note proximity to fence and adjacent residential houses.



Front view of trees on 2:1 slope. Note proximity to fence and adjacent residential houses. Tee ID #1 on left is leaning in the direction of white house structure.



Second front view of trees. Note height of trees with numerous branches extending over residential houses.



Tree ID#3 - Oak species directly in path of walkway. This tree has a 2' circumference and 7" diameter trunk at 4.5' above ground. This does not require a permit per municipal code section 12.24.090 (C). It is included for full transparency.

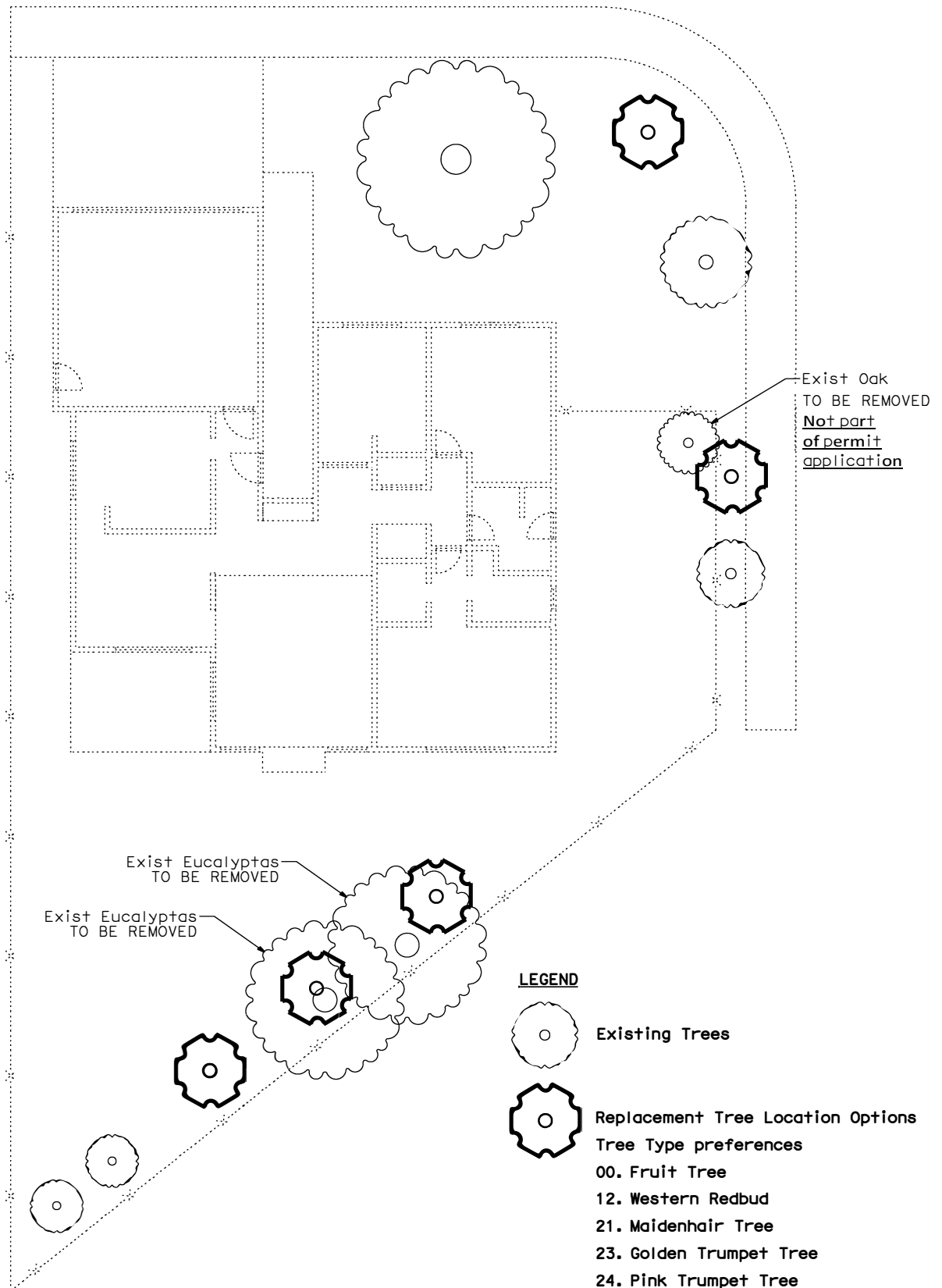


Existing tall Sycamore trees on property to be preserved.



Existing Redwood / Evergreen trees in adjacent neighbors' rear yards in close proximity.

MEADOW STREET



TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT EXHIBIT
2475 MEADOW ST, SAN LUIS OBISPO CA 93401