

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
 FROM: DITAS ESPERANZA, CITY ENGINEER
 SUBJECT: REQUEST TO REMOVE OAK TREES
 TRACT 2223-2 (BELLA VISTA)
 DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2000

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Needs: For the City Council to consider adopting the attached Resolution approving the removal of seven (7) oak trees.

- Facts:**
1. Tentative Tract Map 2223 was approved in 1997 by the Planning Commission. This approval showed a site plan which would require the removal of up to thirteen (13) oak trees.
 2. In December 1999, the applicant came before the City Council requesting that they be allowed to proceed with their approved site plan and remove 13 oak trees plus 2 more for a total of 15 oak trees to be removed.
 3. At the meeting, the City Council directed the applicant to return to the Planning Commission to evaluate his request for the removal of 2 additional oak trees. The Council further gave direction to staff and the Planning Commission to work with the applicant and try to save as many of the oak trees as possible.
 4. On January 25, 2000, the applicant presented a revised plan to the Planning Commission, which only required the removal of eight oak trees.

Their request and the Planning Commission's recommendation is summarized as follows:

Applicant's Request and Reasoning	Planning Commission Recommendation
Oak Tree #14 - This tree is a 23" blue oak in poor condition. We are asking removal of this tree in order to extend Mesa Road	6 - 0 OK to remove
Oak Tree #16 - This tree is a 19" blue oak in poor condition. We are asking removal of this tree in order to place a structure on this lot.	4 - 2 Save the tree
Oak Tree #1 - This tree is a 33" blue oak in fair condition. We are asking removal of this tree in order to install a City standard handicap ramp.	4 - 2 OK to remove
Oak Tree #17 - This tree is a 24" blue oak in good conditions. We are asking removal of this tree in order to utilize our grading scheme. Plans are currently calling for this area to be covered with 10' of fill dirt. This is necessary in order to balance the cut and fill of earth quantities on site, as well as allowing this lot to drain to into the street.	4 - 2 OK to remove

Oak Tree #43 - This tree is an 8" blue oak in good condition. We are asking removal of this tree in order to utilize our grading scheme as well as put in a lift station access road. Currently, the grading plan is calling for this area to be filled with 5' of earth.

5 - 1 OK to remove

Oak Trees # 18, 19, 20 - These trees are 7", 6" and 17" blue oaks in good condition. We are asking removal of these trees in order to daylight the slope from Bella Vista Court to existing ground. These trees can be saved by eliminating the parkway landscape strip and installation of a twelve-foot retaining wall. This retaining wall would eclipse the height of the existing trees and present a health and safety problem to the City.

5 - 1 OK to remove

Analysis and

Conclusion: As noted above, the Planning Commission agreed with the applicant's request except for Tree #16. The Planning Commissioners felt that the tree could be saved by designing a house to save the tree.

Policy

Reference: Oak Tree Ordinance

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Impact: None

- Options:**
- A. Adopt the attached Resolution upholding the Planning Commission's recommendation to remove seven (7) oak trees.
 - B. Adopt the attached Resolution with the revision to allow the removal of eight (8) oak trees as requested by the developer.
 - C. That the City Council amend, modify or reject the above options.

Attachments: (2)

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Exhibits

RESOLUTION NO. 00-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
TO REMOVE SEVEN (7) OAK TREES

WHEREAS, the City has received a request from Bella Vista Estates to remove eight (8) oak trees; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that only seven (7) trees may be removed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that a house plan be specially designed on Lot 95 to save a 19-inch oak tree.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby give permission to remove seven (7) oak trees as recommended by the Planning Commission.

SECTION 2. That the applicant is required to install two (2) 24-inch box oak trees (1½ inch minimum caliper) for each oak tree removed greater than 6 inches in diameter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles, this 15^h day of February, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

