

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER

FROM: ROBERT A. LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO REMOVE ONE OAK TREE - 443 10th STREET (MANNEN)

DATE: JUNE 3, 2003

Needs: For the City Council to consider a request to remove one Coast Live Oak Tree.

Facts:

1. The City has received a written request from Alice Mannen for the removal of one 48-inch Coast Live Oak tree.
2. An Arborist Report was performed by Arbor Tree Surgery on May 9, 2003, where it was determined that the trunk of the tree has completely rotted away around 85 percent of the trunk which indicates root rot. (See attached report)
3. The arborist indicated that the tree is "an immediate hazard and can only be remedied by the removal of the tree. As indicated in the ISA (International Society of Arbiculture) Hazard Tree Evaluation, the most likely part to fail is the entire tree. It is highly recommended the tree be removed immediately".

**Analysis
And**

Conclusion: City policies strongly encourage oak tree preservation. Section 10.01.150 (D) of the Paso Robles Municipal Code states that five factors should be considered when oak trees are proposed for removal. These factors are:

- The condition of the oak tree with respect to its general health: According to the Arborist Report by Arbor Tree Surgery dated May 5, 2003, concludes that the trees contains a significant amount of trunk rot, which indicates the presence of root rot.
- The necessity of the requested action to allow construction of improvements or otherwise allow reasonable use of the property for the purpose for which it has been zoned: No new development is requested for the site, the request is entirely to protect the existing property from damage.
- The topography of land, and the potential effect of the requested tree removal on soil retention, water retention, and diversion or increased flow of surface waters: the removal of the tree, if authorized, is not expected to impact drainage runoff.
- The number, species, size and location of existing trees in the area and the effect of the requested action on shade areas, air pollution, historic values, scenic beauty and the general welfare of the city as a whole: This neighborhood is been long established where there would be many other existing trees which would provide shade and other amenities. Replacement trees will also be required with the removal.

- Good forestry practices, such as, but not limited to, the number of healthy trees the subject parcel of land will support: the replacement ratio for removal of the 48-inch tree is 12-inches (48 total diameter inches x 0.25 replacement factor). The replacement could be satisfied by planting eight (8) 1.5-inch minimum trunk caliper Coast Live Oak trees or a combination of larger diameter trees adding up to 12-inches. The replacement trees could be donated to the City for placement within a park area if there is not room on site for planting.

Policy

Reference: Paso Robles Municipal Code Section 10.01

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Impact: None

Options:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx approving the oak tree removal request based on the arborist report identifying that the tree has significant trunk and root rot and is an immediate hazard to the existing structures underneath the tree, and require replacement ratio of 12-inches of Coast Live Oaks, which shall be planted on site, in proper locations and proper techniques per the Arborist or other horticulture professional and/or donating trees to the City for future planting in a public area.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A, Arborist Report
2. Resolution to Approve

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF ONE OAK TREE AT 443 10th STREET
(MANNEN)

WHEREAS, the City has received an application submitted by Alice Mannen, to remove one (1) Coast Live Oak trees (the trees has a diameter of 48 inches) located at 443 10th Street; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Tree Surgery prepared an Arborist Report dated May 9, 2003, stating that:

1. The foliage is sparse for this time of year. The leaves are smaller than normal and there is significant twig dieback;
2. Evidence of bark beetles is prominent in the lower 8-feet of the main stem;
3. The phloem and cambium has completely rotted away around 85 percent of the trunk, which indicates the presence of root rot. The rot is too extensive to have any kind of remedial action performed; and.

WHEREAS, the Arborist Report includes the arborist's recommendation that the 48-inch Coast Live Oak is an immediate hazard and needs to be removed based on the above-listed facts and findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby:

1. Authorize the removal of one (1) Coast Live Oak trees at 443 10th Street.
2. The applicant is required to install "like species" at a replacement requirement of 12-inches (48" removed x 0.25 replacement factor). This requirement could be satisfied by planting eight (8) 1.5-inch trees, or other combinations that add up to the 12-inch requirement based on 1.5-inch being the minimum tree size. The Arborist shall be involved with the planning of the trees on site to insure proper install and location of replacement trees. The trees may also be donated to the City for future planting in public area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 3rd day of June 2003 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk