



CITY OF ASHLAND

TREE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING December 9, 2021 AGENDA



I. CALL TO ORDER
6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Tree Commission regular meeting of October 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

- Council Liaison
- Parks & Recreation Liaison
- Community Development Liaison

IV. TYPE I REVIEWS

PLANNING ACTION: PA-TREE-2021-00174
SUBJECT PROPERTY: 5 Water St.
OWNER/APPLICANT: City of Ashland / APRC
DESCRIPTION: A request to remove one ash tree at Bluebird Park located at 5 Water St. The tree is estimated to be 17 inches DBH and is a few feet from Ashland creek. The application states that the tree recently shed some large branches and has a failure at the union of the two main leaders. The project arborist recommends removal as the only solution.
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Downtown; **ZONING:** C-1-D;
MAP: 39 1E 09 BB; **TAX LOT:** 9600

PLANNING ACTION: PA-TREE-2021-00175
SUBJECT PROPERTY: 2 Bush St.
OWNER/APPLICANT: David Collings / Canopy
DESCRIPTION: A request to remove one tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) at the property located at 2 Bush St. The tree is estimated to be 36 inches DBH and stands 45' tall. The tree recently experienced a large branch failure which started the removal request. Due to the age of the tree and the risk to surrounding cars the project arborist recommends removal.
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Multifamily Residential; **ZONING:** R-3;
MAP: 39 1E 04 CC, **TAX LOT:** 7800

V. TYPE II REVIEWS – None

VI. STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

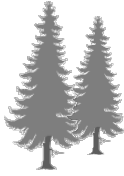
PLANNING ACTION: PA-TREE-2021-00
SUBJECT PROPERTY: 121 Bush St.
OWNER/APPLICANT: Canopy
DESCRIPTION: A request to remove a street tree.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Tree of the year nominations
- Tree City USA
- Arbor Day activities ?
- Tree inventory project on GIS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: January 6, 2022



CITY OF ASHLAND

Ashland Tree Commission

Draft Minutes

November 4, 2021



Call to Order

Commission Chair Chris John called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm via Zoom, Ashland, Oregon, 97520.

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison
Christopher John	Stephen Jensen - Absent
Asa Cates	
Vacancy (3)	Park Liaison
Eric Simpson	Peter Baughman
Vacancy (5)	
Cat Gould	Staff Present:
Vacancy (7)	Aaron Anderson: Associate Planner
Members of the Public:	
Amy Gunter	
David Waldron	

Approval of Minutes

Commissioners Cat Gould / Eric Simpson m/s to approve the minutes of October 7, 2021. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

Public Forum

There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

Liaison reports

Parks & Recreation Liaison – the APRC has been working with the Ashland woodland trail assoc. on an improvement on the waterline trail. The ice rink is being prepared, however there is a concern about interested volunteers to operate. There was additional conversation about watershed trail maint.

Community Development Liaison – Anderson noted that the covid emergency ordinance continues to remain in effect and that the city offices are still closed to the public. The Council will be reviewing the emergency ordinance again in early December.”

TYPE I REVIEWS

PLANNING ACTION: PA-T1-2021-00162

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 192 Clear Creek Drive

APPLICANT/OWNER: Rogue Planning & Development Services for Anasazi West LLC

DESCRIPTION: A request for a Minor Modification of Subdivision to adjust existing and dedicate new easements as well as to receive Site Design Review approval to construct a 7,893 square foot, three-story, mixed-use building consisting of commercial tenant space on the ground floor, 2 residential units on the second and third floors for the property located at 192 Clear Creek Drive. The proposal seeks to modify the five-foot public pedestrian access easement along the east property line by adding a public utility easement and providing a 10-foot wide, 8-foot stamped concrete centralized pedestrian walkway between the subject lot and the adjacent lot to

the west.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Employment; **ZONING:** E-1 ; **MAP:** 39 1E 09 AB; **TAX LOT #:** 6603

Staff briefly presented the application and introduced the applicants. Amy Gunter and David Waldron presented a brief power point presentation highlighting the landscaping requirements and the proposed plan. Gould asked about the presence of bark mulch on the plan and its compatibility with wildfire standards. Simpson remarked that the building is concrete sided. John said that the plan overall looked good but remarked that the pear trees were a problematic species selection and said instead should consider a native oak rather than a maple. Cates asked about the tree located in the SE corner. Gunter replied that that tree location will need to be modified due to the location of a power vault that has since been installed. Gunter remarked that the species for the parking lot shade trees will be changed to a larger shade tree. There was additional conversation about the modification of the easements.

The public comment period was closed, and the tree commission discussed what the motion should be with regard to the species selection without being too specific. It is understood that they will see the landscape plan again at building permit. Cates stated that there are too many Raywood Ash. Both John and Cates suggested that native oaks would be ideal.

Commissioner Chris John / Asa Cates M/S to approve application with the condition that the tree selection be altered to not include the pear trees and consider larger stature long lived species and that the final plan shall be reviewed by the TC at the issuance of building permit. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

PLANNING ACTION: PA-TREE-2021-00172

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 545 Holly St.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Eric Recors / Quality Tree Service

DESCRIPTION: A request to remove one large cottonwood tree at the property located at 545 Holly St. The tree is estimated to be 16 inches DBH and stands 50' tall. The application states that the tree has a significant lean towards the residence. While the property is single family and is small enough to be exempt because the tree is in an identified Water Resource Protection Zone / Flood Plain Corridor Land a permit is required.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Single Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-1-7.5; **MAP:** 39 1E 09 DB; **TAX LOT:** 8900

Anderson gave a brief background on the removal and the reason for the permit. Cates made a site visit and remarked that the tree clearly had a significant lean to the house. It appears healthy but the lean is problematic. The only prune which could help is very problematic. John remarked he would have a hard time living underneath a leaning cottonwood. Gould remarked that she didn't think its removal would have a significant impact on the canopy.

Commissioners Asa Cates / Eric Simpson M/S to approve Application as submitted. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

TYPE II REVIEWS – None

STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2019-00055

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 119 N. Third St.

OWNERS/APPLICANTS: Michael Hoyt

DESCRIPTION: A request for a Street Tree Removal Permit to remove one approximately six-inch diameter Acer / Maple tree at 119 Third St. The applicant is proposing to remove the Maple tree out of concern that at maturity, it will conflict with overhead power lines, and proposes to replace it with a tree less likely to be in conflict with overhead lines, a Paperbark Maple.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Low Density, Multi-Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-2; **ASSESSOR'S MAP:** 39 1E 09BA; **TAX LOT:** 3700

Cates stated that a paper bark maple would have the same problem. Cates also remarked that the tree is very vertical and doesn't lend itself to pruning into a v to clear under the line, so no matter what this tree will have problems in the future. Cates felt that if they are going to do this right they need to relocate the tree. Anderson asked if two smaller stature trees would be acceptable. Cates stated that it ought to be a relatively small tree. Gould said her paper bark is about 20'. Gould stated she would be open to reviewing this application again.

There was discussion about requirements for irrigation of street trees. Anderson stated that the municipal code does not specifically state that street trees must be watered. **Gould would like to discuss potential code amendments – irrigation, invasive trees, and sidewalk etc.**

Discussion Items

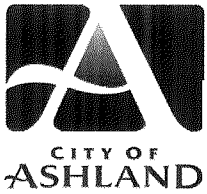
One emergency tree removal approved: 675 East Main St., COA Electrical / Streets

Gould had a question about the Zelkova holding on to their leaves, and for Peter about a maple in Lithia. General agreement that it has been a late autumn.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Next Meeting: December 09, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Liz Hamilton



Planning Division
51 Winburn Way, Ashland OR 97520
541-488-5305 Fax 541-488-6006

STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

A tree that is located in any public street right-of-way or other public property may not be removed until a Street Tree Removal Permit has been submitted according to the Application Submission Requirements, below, and reviewed and approved by the City of Ashland.

An application for street tree removal must demonstrate that the tree is an emergency, hazard, or dead tree as outlined below in the Application Submission Requirements.

Application Submission Requirements. An application for a street tree removal permit shall include all of the following information.

1. **Application Form and Fee.** The application must include the information requested on the Street Tree Removal Permit form provided by the City of Ashland and the permit application fee. Only those property owners of a lot adjoining the street tree location or homeowners' associations responsible for street trees in their development or subdivision may apply to remove an adjoining street tree. If a tree is located in front of more than one property, each property owner or homeowners' association official must sign the Street Tree Removal Permit form.
2. **Site Plan.** A site plan of the property drawn to scale containing the following information. The scale of the site plan must be at least one inch equals 50 feet or larger.
 - a. North arrow and scale.
 - b. Property boundaries including dimensions of all lot lines and driveway locations.
 - c. Location and width of all public streets, planting strips, and sidewalks adjoining the site.
 - d. Size, species, and location of the tree(s) proposed to be removed.
3. **Written Statement.** A written statement explaining how the proposed street tree removal satisfies one of the following approval criteria. The Community Development director may require additional information to demonstrate that the proposed removal satisfies one of the following approval criteria including: 1) a written statement to be prepared by an arborist licensed by the State of Oregon Landscape Contractors Board of Construction Contractors Board and certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or American Society of Consulting Arborists; and 2) an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form to be completed by an arborist.

Street Tree Removal Approval Criteria

- a) **Emergency Tree Removal.** The tree presents an immediate danger of collapse and represents a clear and present hazard to persons or property. Immediate danger of collapse is defined as a tree that may already be leaning, with the surrounding soil heaving, and/or there is a significant likelihood that the tree will topple or otherwise fail and cause damage before a tree removal permit could be obtained through the non-emergency process.
- b) **Hazard Tree Removal.** The tree presents a clear public safety hazard (i.e., likely to fall and injure persons or property) or a foreseeable danger of property damage to an existing structure or facility, and such hazard or danger cannot reasonably be alleviated by treatment, relocation, or pruning. A hazard tree is a tree that is physically damaged to the degree that it is clear the tree is likely to fall and injure persons or property. A hazard tree may also include a tree that is located within a public right-of-way and is causing damage to existing public or private facilities or services and such facilities or services cannot be relocated.
- c) **Dead Tree.** The tree is dead. A dead tree is lifeless. Such evidence of lifelessness may include unseasonable lack of foliage, brittle dry branches, or lack of any growth during the growing season.

Replacement and Stump Removal. Applicants for approved Street Tree Removal Permits are required to remove any stumps and replace the tree. Stump removal and replacements for approved street tree removals shall meet the following requirements.

1. Any street tree removed shall be removed at ground level or lower. If a tree is removed below ground level, the surface must be restored to finish grade and any regrowth which occurs shall be promptly removed.
2. All street trees shall be an appropriate species selected from and planted according to the City of Ashland Recommended Street Tree List.
3. The minimum size for a replacement tree is eight feet in height or one inch in caliper measured at 12 inches above the root crown.
4. Applicants for a Street Tree Removal Permit may be required to replace the tree or trees being removed with a tree or trees of comparable value.
5. If a street tree is determined to be dead or dying, then the replacement need be no larger than the minimize size described above.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTYStreet Address Bluebird Park - 11 Water St.

Assessor's Map No. 39 1E _____ Tax Lot(s) _____

Zoning _____ Comp Plan Designation _____

PROPERTY OWNERName Ashland Parks Phone 541-488-5340 E-Mail sean.sullivan@ashland.or.usAddress 1195 E. Main St. City Ashland Zip 97520

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING THE TREE REMOVAL (e.g., tree service)Name Peter Baughman (Ash. Parks) Phone 541-840-6473 E-Mail peter.baughman@ashland.or.usAddress 1195 E. Main St. City Ashland Zip 97520**ARBORIST, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OTHER**Title Cert. Arborist Name Peter Baughman Phone 541-840-6473 E-Mail peter.baughman@ashland.or.usAddress 1195 E. Main St. City Ashland Zip 97520

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

As owner of the property involved in this request, I have read and understood the complete application and its consequences to me as a property owner. I hereby certify that the statements and information contained in this application are in all respects, true and correct. I further understand that if this request is subsequently contested, the burden will be on me to establish:

- 1) that I produced sufficient factual evidence to support this request;
- 2) that the information contained in this application are adequate; and further
- 3) that all trees, structures, or improvements are properly located on the ground.

Peter L. Baughman
Property Owner's Signature (required)

Nov. 15, 2021
Date

STAFF DECISION:

Permit is hereby (circle one): Approved Approved with Conditions Denied

Conditions of Approval _____

Is the tree 18" d.b.h or greater? ☐ NO ☐ YESHas the City Manager has been notified: ☐ NO ☐ YES



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client Ashland Parks Date 10-26-21 Time 10:30 a.m.
 Address/Tree location Bluebird Park - 11 water st. Tree no. 1 Sheet 1 of 1
 Tree species Oregon Ash (Fraxinus latifolia) dbh 17" Height 50' Crown spread dia. 30'
 Assessor(s) Pete Baughman Time frame 6 mos. Tools used climbing gear

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 - rare 2 - occasional 3 - frequent 4 - constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
		Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1	<u>Thai Pepper Patio / Building</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<u>2</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
2							
3							
4							

Site Factors

History of failures Broken branches Topography Flat ☒ Slope ☒ 30 % Aspect E
 Site changes None ☒ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe _____
 Soil conditions Limited volume ☐ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☐ Compacted ☐ Pavement over roots ☒ 30 % Describe Patio over roots
 Prevailing wind direction NW Common weather Strong winds ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Heavy rain ☐ Describe variable

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low ☐ Normal ☒ High ☐ Foliage None (seasonal) ☐ None (dead) ☐ Normal 90 % Chlorotic % Necrotic 10 %
 Pests None noted Abiotic _____
 Species failure profile Branches ☒ Trunk ☒ Roots ☐ Describe Breaking branches, included bark.

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected ☐ Partial ☒ Full ☐ Wind funneling ☐ Relative crown size Small ☒ Medium ☐ Large ☐
 Crown density Sparse ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Interior branches Few ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Vines/Mistletoe/Moss ☐ _____
 Recent or planned change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☒ LCR % Cracks ☐ Lightning damage ☐
 Dead twigs/branches ☐ % overall Max. dia. Codominant ☐ Included bark ☐
 Broken/Hangers Number Max. dia. Weak attachments ☐ Cavity/Nest hole % circ.
 Over-extended branches ☒ Previous branch failures ☐ Similar branches present ☐
Pruning history
 Crown cleaned ☐ Thinned ☐ Raised ☐ Dead/Missing bark ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☐
 Reduced ☐ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☐ Conks ☐ Heartwood decay ☐
 Flush cuts ☐ Other Response growth
 Main concern(s) _____

Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐
 Codominant stems ☒ Included bark ☒ Cracks ☒
 Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐
 Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Cavity/Nest hole % circ. Depth Poor taper ☐
 Lean ° Corrected?
 Response growth
 Main concern(s) Two main stems from trunk, about 25' high, are codominant w/ included bark & crack.
 Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☒ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☒ Imminent ☐

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth Stem girdling ☐
 Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ % circ.
 Cracks ☐ Cut/Damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk
 Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐
 Response growth
 Main concern(s) _____
 Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

Risk Categorization

Condition number	Tree part	Conditions of concern	Part size	Fall distance	Target number	Target protection	Likelihood												Consequences				Risk rating of part (from Matrix 2)	
							Failure				Impact				Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1)									
							Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely	Very likely	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe		
1	Trunk	Codominant stems, included bark, crack.	18"x25'	25'	1	none			X					X			X				X		High	
2																								
3																								
4																								

Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High ✓
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	~ Likely ~
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant ✓	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	~ High ~	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

Notes, explanations, descriptions Codominant stems, included bark and crack down main stem make this tree likely to fail where it could cause significant damage to patio and building and possible injury to people on patio.

Mitigation options Removal is only viable option.

Residual risk 0

Residual risk

Residual risk

Residual risk

Overall tree risk rating Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☒ Extreme ☐

Work priority 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐

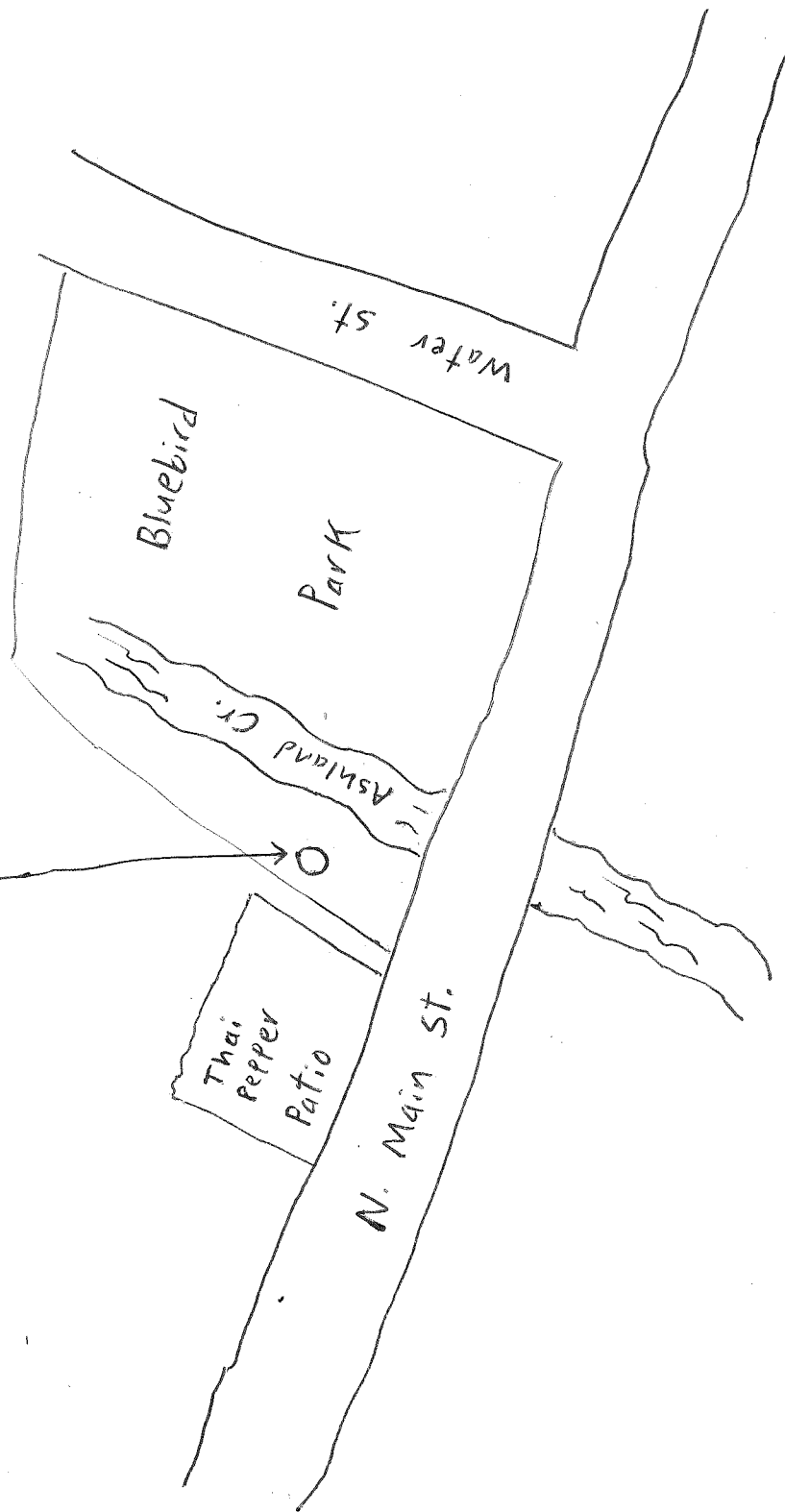
Overall residual risk Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Recommended inspection interval 3 mos.

Data ☒ Final ☐ Preliminary Advanced assessment needed ☒ No ☐ Yes-Type/Reason

Inspection limitations ☒ None ☐ Visibility ☐ Access ☐ Vines ☐ Root collar buried Describe

Ash Tree
to Remove



Aaron Anderson

From: Peter Baughman
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Aaron Anderson
Subject: Bluebird Park Tree Removal Permit Application
Attachments: 20211115081427588.pdf

Hi Aaron,

Attached is my application to remove a 17" DBH Oregon Ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) at Bluebird Park that we have deemed to be a hazard. The tree is adjacent to the Thai Pepper Restaurant's patio and is also a few feet from Ashland Creek. It has shed some large branches in the past year which have dropped onto the patio. I climbed the tree recently and discovered that the branch union between the two main leaders has included bark and is cracking and starting to separate (see tree risk assessment form). I believe the only solution at this point is to remove the tree.

Please bill APRC for the permit fee. Thank you.

Pete Baughman
Park Tech III/Arborist
Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission
340 S. Pioneer Street
Ashland, OR 97520
(541) 488-5340

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Planning Division
51 Winburn Way, Ashland OR 97520
541-488-5305 Fax 541-488-6006

ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

FILE # _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT TREE REMOVAL

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Pursuing LEED® Certification? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Street Address 2 BUSH ST ASHLAND OR 95120

Assessor's Map No. 39 1E 04CC 7800 Tax Lot(s) 7800

Zoning _____ Comp Plan Designation _____

APPLICANT

Name DAVID COLLINS Phone 541 582-0648 E-Mail ssanddccc@yahoo.com

Address 13236 E EVANS CREEK RD City ROGUE RIVER Zip 97537

PROPERTY OWNER

Name DAVID COLLINS Phone 541 582-0648 E-Mail _____

Address SAME AS ABOVE City _____ Zip _____

SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, ARCHITECT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OTHER

Title ARBORIST Name JOSHUA WEIGANG Phone 541 631-8000 E-Mail weigang.joshua@gmail.com

Address CANOPY LLC City TALENT Zip 97540

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

I hereby certify that the statements and information contained in this application, including the enclosed drawings and the required findings of fact, are in all respects, true and correct. I understand that all property pins must be shown on the drawings and visible upon the site inspection. In the event the pins are not shown or their location found to be incorrect, the owner assumes full responsibility. I further understand that if this request is subsequently contested, the burden will be on me to establish:

- 1) that I produced sufficient factual evidence at the hearing to support this request;
- 2) that the findings of fact furnished justifies the granting of the request;
- 3) that the findings of fact furnished by me are adequate; and further
- 4) that all structures or improvements are properly located on the ground.

Failure in this regard will result most likely in not only the request being set aside, but also possibly in my structures being built in reliance thereon being required to be removed at my expense. If I have any doubts, I am advised to seek competent professional advice and assistance.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

11/22/2021
Date

As owner of the property involved in this request, I have read and understood the complete application and its consequences to me as a property owner.

[Signature]
Property Owner's Signature (required)

11/22/2021
Date

[To be completed by City Staff]

Date Received _____ Zoning Permit Type _____ Filing Fee \$ _____

OVER ►►

To: Ashland Planning Division
Re: Tree Removal at 2 Bush St Ashland

Nov 22, 2021

Enclosed is my application for tree removal at 2 Bush St. Ashland.

A large branch broke off last August and we scheduled a work date of December 30 2021, the earliest they had available.

Unfortunately, I only recently received the risk assessment report and I was unaware of the time it takes to receive a permit. So, I will have to reschedule for a later date. I hope this can be expedited as I am very concerned about the safety of the tree.

Please let me know if anything is incomplete or missing
Thank you



David Collings
Home: 541 582-0648
Cell: 541 450-7143

CANOPY LLC

The Care of Trees

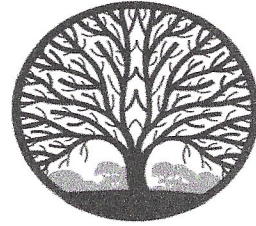
canopyarborcare.com

P.O. Box 3511

Ashland, OR 97520

(541) 631-8000

CCB 199334



November 1st, 2021

City of Ashland Planning
51 Winburn Way
Ashland, OR 97520

RE: 2 Bush St. tree removal permit

The tree requested for removal at 2 Bush St. is a tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) in average health. This tree is approximately 36 inches DBH and 45ft tall. A recent large branch failure has brought up concern for parked cars, structures and pedestrians, and initiated this request for removal.

Ailanthus is fast growing and brittle, commonly shedding branches even without high wind or a storm event. In addition to the most recent break, the tree shows evidence of multiple past branch failures and visible decay on the trunk and in the canopy. Of particular concern is an area of missing bark and dead cambium at the main branch union; an indication of a developing weak point.

We did discuss heavy pruning to significantly reduce risk of failure and keep this tree. Unfortunately, the structural defects, lack of lower lateral branches and the tree's natural structure, rule out pruning as a viable alternative. With several parking areas and multiple homes within the target zone, this tree is not desirable in this location.

Pending permit approval, the projected removal date would be Dec. 30th.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Joshua Weigang

Canopy LLC

ISA Certified Arborist #PN 9018A

Risk Categorization

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1	Branches	Brittle over extended branches and missing cambium at main			1	Minimal			✓					✓			✓				✓			High
					2	Minimal			✓				✓			✓					✓			Moderate
					3	Minimal	✓				✓				✓								✓	
2		branch connection.																						
3																								
4																								

Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

Notes, explanations, descriptions Surrounding trees provide some target protection depending on size and direction of failure.

Mitigation options

Residual risk

Residual risk

Residual risk

Residual risk

Overall tree risk rating Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☒ Extreme ☐

Overall residual risk Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Work priority 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

Recommended inspection interval 2 years

Data ☒ Final ☐ Preliminary Advanced assessment needed ☒ No ☐ Yes-Type/Reason

Inspection limitations ☒ None ☐ Visibility ☐ Access ☐ Vines ☐ Root collar buried Describe



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client David Collings Date 11/01/2021 Time 4PM
 Address/Tree location 2 Bush St. Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____
 Tree species Ailanthus altissima dbh 36 inches Height 45 Feet Crown spread dia. 35 Feet
 Assessor(s) Joshua Weigang Time frame 1 year Tools used Visual Inspection

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 - rare 2 - occasional 3 - frequent 4 - constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
		Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1	Vehicles		✓		3	No	No
2	Houses and attached structures	✓			4	No	No
3	People	✓			2	No	No
4							

Site Factors

History of failures _____ Topography Flat ☐ Slope ☐ _____ % Aspect _____
 Site changes None ☒ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe _____
 Soil conditions Limited volume ☐ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☒ Compacted ☒ Pavement over roots ☐ 75 % Describe _____
 Prevailing wind direction East Common weather Strong winds ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Heavy rain ☐ Describe n/a

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low ☐ Normal ☒ High ☐ Foliage None (seasonal) ☒ None (dead) ☐ Normal _____ % Chlorotic _____ % Necrotic _____ %
 Pests No _____ Abiotic Pavement over roots, sunscald
 Species failure profile Branches ☒ Trunk ☐ Roots ☐ Describe Fast growing brittle wood. Branches break under normal conditions.

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected ☒ Partial ☐ Full ☐ Wind funneling ☐ _____ Relative crown size Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐
 Crown density Sparse ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Interior branches Few ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Vines/Mistletoe/Moss ☐ _____
 Recent or planned change in load factors No _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☒ LCR 97 %
 Dead twigs/branches ☒ 3 % overall Max. dia. 1.5 inc
 Broken/Hangers Number _____ Max. dia. _____
 Over-extended branches ☒ Cracks ☐ Lightning damage ☐
 Pruning history Codominant ☒ Included bark ☐
 Crown cleaned ☒ Thinned ☒ Raised ☐ Weak attachments ☒ Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ.
 Reduced ☒ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☒ Previous branch failures ☒ Similar branches present ☒
 Flush cuts ☐ Other _____ Dead/Missing bark ☒ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☒
 Conks ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) Over extended branches. Missing live cambium at connection of main branches.

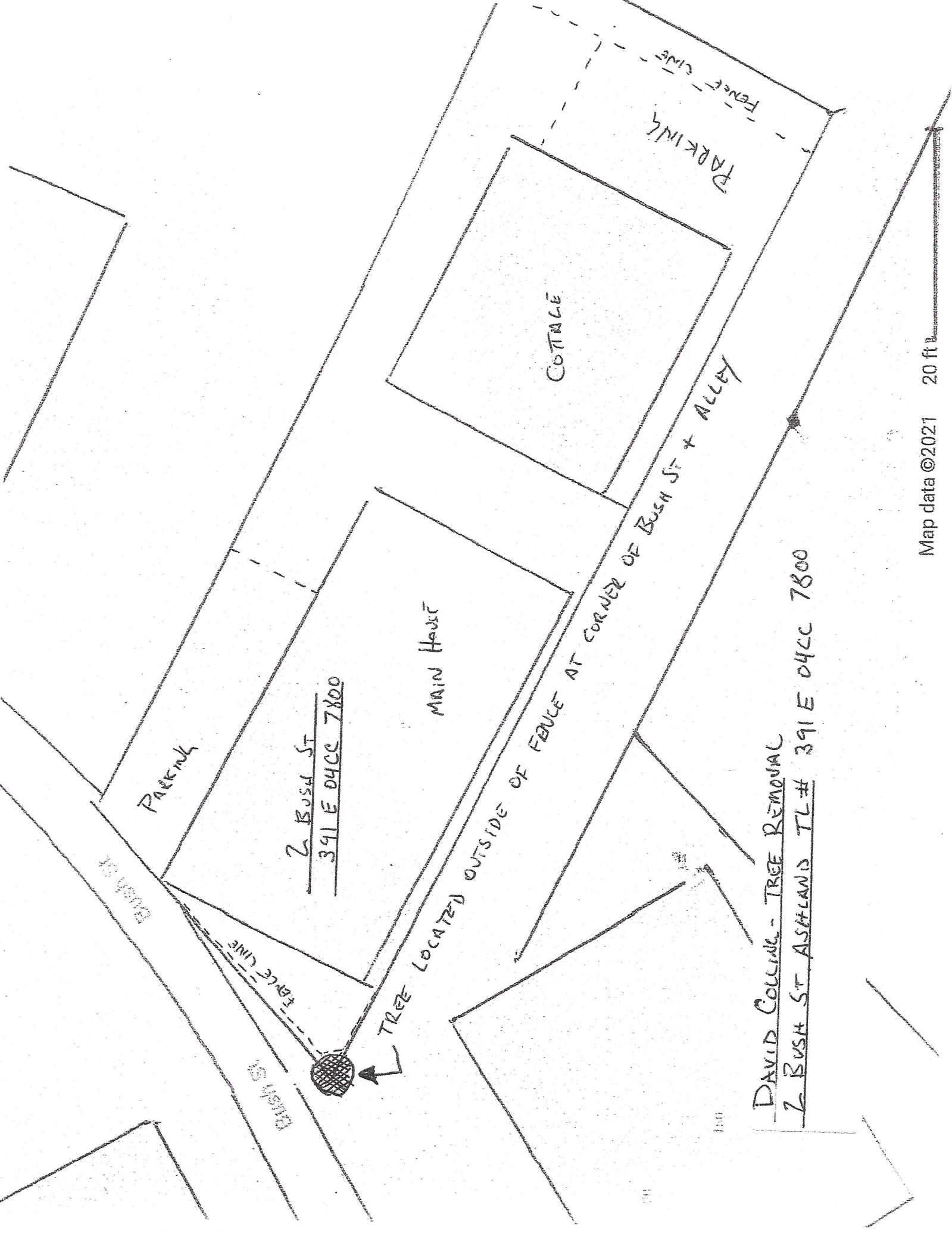
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 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☒ Imminent ☐

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☒ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐
 Codominant stems ☐ Included bark ☐ Cracks ☐
 Sapwood damage/decay ☒ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐
 Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ. Depth _____ Poor taper ☐
 Lean _____ ° Corrected? _____
 Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____
 Load on defect N/A ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☒ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

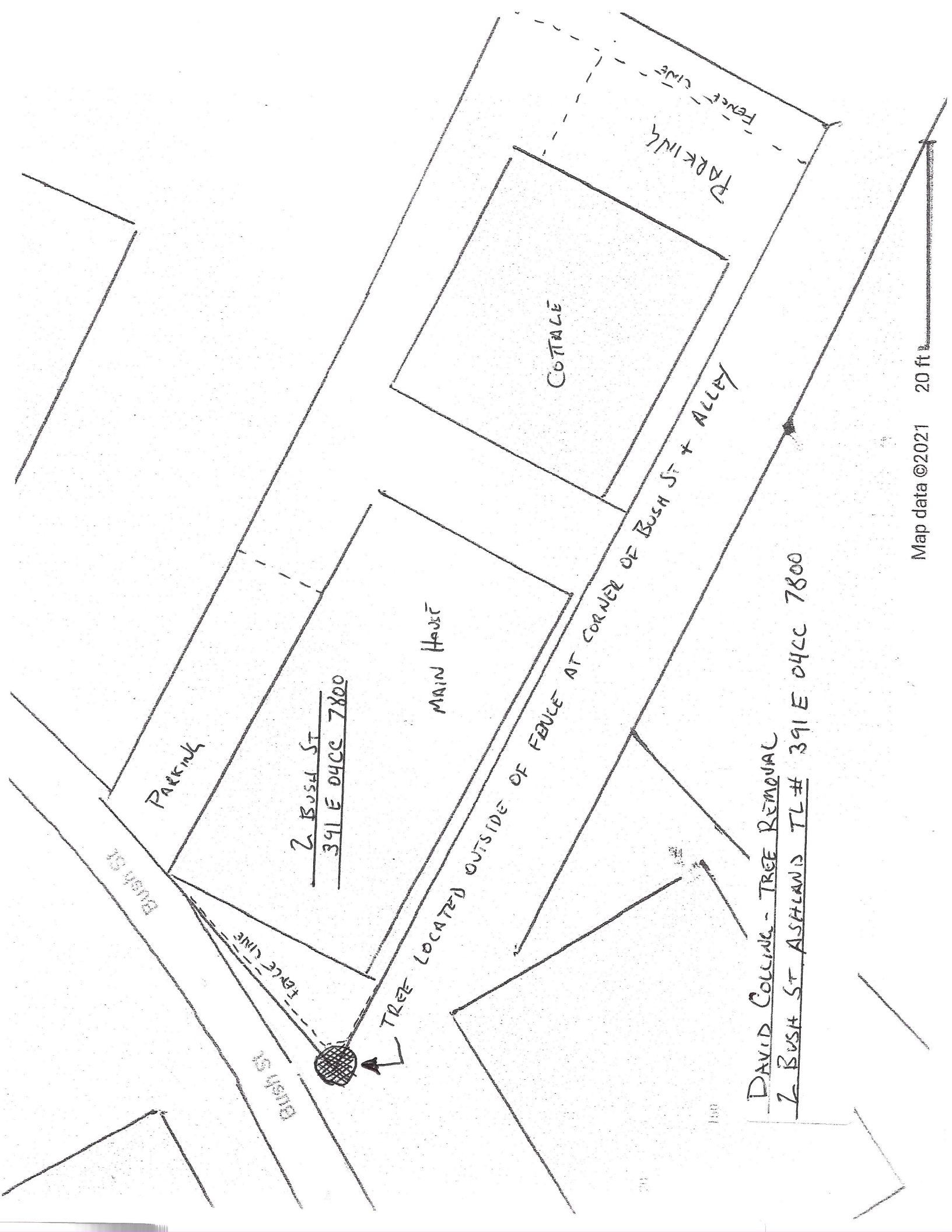
— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth _____ Stem girdling ☐
 Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ _____ % circ.
 Cracks ☐ Cut/Damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk _____
 Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐
 Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____
 Load on defect N/A ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☒ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐



2 BUSH ST
391 E 04CC 7800

DAVID COLLING - TREE REMOVAL
2 BUSH ST ASHLAND TL# 391 E 04CC 7800



2 BUSH ST
391 E 04CC 7800

MAIN HOUSE

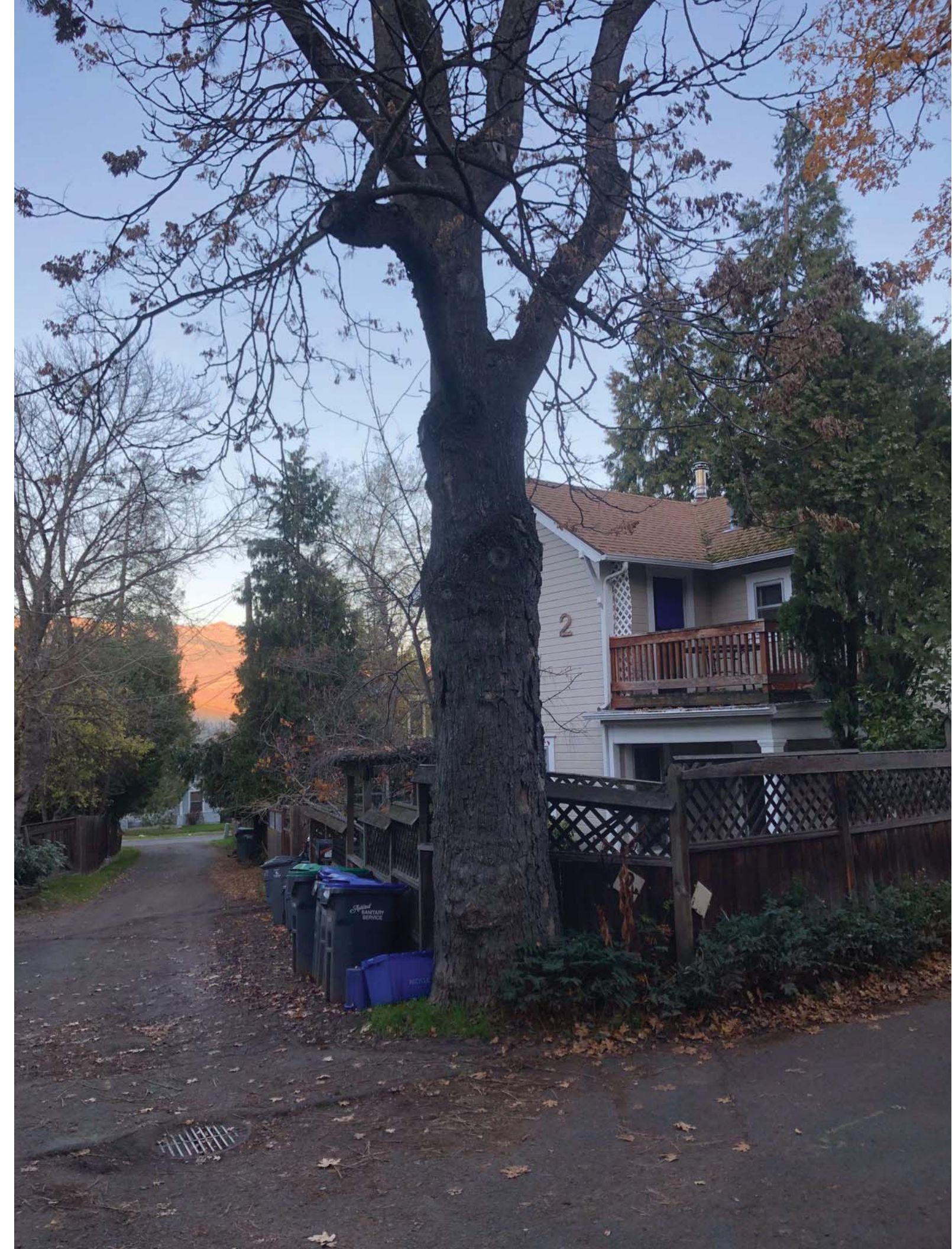
COTTAGE

TREE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF FENCE AT CORNER OF BUSH ST + ALLEY

DAVID COLLINS - TREE REMOVAL
2 BUSH ST ASHLAND TL# 391 E 04CC 7800







From: [Chris John](#)
To: [Aaron Anderson](#)
Cc: [Regan Trapp](#); [Liz Hamilton](#); [Michael Sullivan](#); [April Lucas](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Street tree removal
Date: Thursday, December 02, 2021 11:10:05 AM
Attachments: [Photos_121_Bush.pdf](#)

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Photos for 121 Bush St. I think this and the risk assessment should suffice in describing the main reasons for removal, namely:

- Significant dieback of the crown.
- Multiple branch failures.
- Numerous cavities in the crown.

Please let me know if you need further clarification/information.

On Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 9:32 AM Aaron Anderson <aaron.anderson@ashland.or.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see attached a street tree removal permit from Chris John.

He will be submitting supplemental materials later today or tomorrow.

Thank you

Aaron Anderson, CFM

Associate Planner

City of Ashland, Community Development

51 Winburn Way, Ashland, Oregon 97520

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STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

A tree that is located in any public street right-of-way or other public property may not be removed until a Street Tree Removal Permit has been submitted according to the Application Submission Requirements, below, and reviewed and approved by the City of Ashland.

An application for street tree removal must demonstrate that the tree is an emergency, hazard, or dead tree as outlined below in the Application Submission Requirements.

Application Submission Requirements. An application for a street tree removal permit shall include all of the following information.

1. **Application Form and Fee.** The application must include the information requested on the Street Tree Removal Permit form provided by the City of Ashland and the permit application fee. Only those property owners of a lot adjoining the street tree location or homeowners' associations responsible for street trees in their development or subdivision may apply to remove an adjoining street tree. If a tree is located in front of more than one property, each property owner or homeowners' association official must sign the Street Tree Removal Permit form.
2. **Site Plan.** A site plan of the property drawn to scale containing the following information. The scale of the site plan must be at least one inch equals 50 feet or larger.
 - a. North arrow and scale.
 - b. Property boundaries including dimensions of all lot lines and driveway locations.
 - c. Location and width of all public streets, planting strips, and sidewalks adjoining the site.
 - d. Size, species, and location of the tree(s) proposed to be removed.
3. **Written Statement.** A written statement explaining how the proposed street tree removal satisfies one of the following approval criteria. The Community Development director may require additional information to demonstrate that the proposed removal satisfies one of the following approval criteria including: 1) a written statement to be prepared by an arborist licensed by the State of Oregon Landscape Contractors Board of Construction Contractors Board and certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or American Society of Consulting Arborists; and 2) an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form to be completed by an arborist.

Street Tree Removal Approval Criteria

- a) **Emergency Tree Removal.** The tree presents an immediate danger of collapse and represents a clear and present hazard to persons or property. Immediate danger of collapse is defined as a tree that may already be leaning, with the surrounding soil heaving, and/or there is a significant likelihood that the tree will topple or otherwise fail and cause damage before a tree removal permit could be obtained through the non-emergency process.
- b) **Hazard Tree Removal.** The tree presents a clear public safety hazard (i.e., likely to fall and injure persons or property) or a foreseeable danger of property damage to an existing structure or facility, and such hazard or danger cannot reasonably be alleviated by treatment, relocation, or pruning. A hazard tree is a tree that is physically damaged to the degree that it is clear the tree is likely to fall and injure persons or property. A hazard tree may also include a tree that is located within a public right-of-way and is causing damage to existing public or private facilities or services and such facilities or services cannot be relocated.
- c) **Dead Tree.** The tree is dead. A dead tree is lifeless. Such evidence of lifelessness may include unseasonable lack of foliage, brittle dry branches, or lack of any growth during the growing season.

Replacement and Stump Removal. Applicants for approved Street Tree Removal Permits are required to remove any stumps and replace the tree. Stump removal and replacements for approved street tree removals shall meet the following requirements:

1. Any street tree removed shall be removed at ground level or lower. If a tree is removed below ground level, the surface must be restored to finish grade and any regrowth which occurs shall be promptly removed.
2. All street trees shall be an appropriate species selected from and planted according to the City of Ashland Recommended Street Tree List.
3. The minimum size for a replacement tree is eight feet in height or one inch in caliper measured at 12 inches above the root crown.
4. Applicants for a Street Tree Removal Permit may be required to replace the tree or trees being removed with a tree or trees of comparable value.
5. If a street tree is determined to be dead or dying, then the replacement need be no larger than the minimize size described above.

Type of Tree(s) Box Elder, Acer NEGUNDO
 Approximate Diameter at breast height 17" Height 40' Canopy 25'
 Location of Tree ROW
 Reason for Request MULTIPLE FAILURES OVER YRMS + STREET
 Are there underground utility lines and/or overhead power lines present? Y
 If yes, please list which lines are present WATER, COM LINES
 Is there sidewalk damage? N If yes, has a Public Works permit been issued? N

OVER ►►

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTYStreet Address 121 BUSH ST

Assessor's Map No. 39 1E _____ Tax Lot(s) _____

Zoning _____ Comp Plan Designation _____

PROPERTY OWNERName STEVE RETZLAFF Phone (415) 336-2003 E-Mail RETZLAFF@GMAIL.COMAddress 121 BUSH City ASHLAND Zip 97520

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING THE TREE REMOVAL (e.g., tree service)Name CANDY LLC Phone 631-1462 E-Mail C.CANDY@GMAIL.COMAddress PO Box 3511 City ASHLAND Zip 97520**ARBORIST, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OTHER**

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

As owner of the property involved in this request, I have read and understood the complete application and its consequences to me as a property owner. I hereby certify that the statements and information contained in this application are in all respects, true and correct. I further understand that if this request is subsequently contested, the burden will be on me to establish:

- 1) that I produced sufficient factual evidence to support this request;
- 2) that the information contained in this application are adequate; and further
- 3) that all trees, structures, or improvements are properly located on the ground.


 Property Owner's Signature (required)

11.29.2021
 Date

STAFF DECISION:Permit is hereby (circle one): ☐ Approved☐ Approved with Conditions☐ Denied

Conditions of Approval _____

Is the tree 18" d.b.h or greater? ☐ NO ☐ YESHas the City Manager has been notified: ☐ NO ☐ YES

Community Development Director/Planning Manager Signature _____

Date _____



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client STEVE RETZLAFF Date 11/19/21 Time 11:30
Address/Tree location 121 BUSH ST Tree no. 1 Sheet 1 of 2
Tree species NOB SLAUGH dbh 17 Height 40 Crown spread dia. 85
Assessor(s) CHRIS JOHN Time frame 3 YRS Tools used VISUAL

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 - rare 2 - occasional 3 - frequent 4 - constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
		Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1	<u>3 NEWARK STREET, PARKED CARS</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<u>3</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
2							
3							
4							

Site Factors

History of failures _____ Topography Flat ☒ Slope ☐ _____ % Aspect _____
Site changes None ☒ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe _____
Soil conditions Limited volume ☒ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☐ Compacted ☐ Pavement over roots ☒ 60 % Describe _____
Prevailing wind direction _____ Common weather Strong winds ☒ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Heavy rain ☒ Describe _____

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low ☒ Normal ☐ High ☐ Foliage None (seasonal) ☐ None (dead) ☐ Normal 70 % Chlorotic 30 % Necrotic _____ %
Pests _____ Abiotic _____
Species failure profile Branches ☒ Trunk ☒ Roots ☐ Describe _____

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected ☐ Partial ☒ Full ☐ Wind funneling ☐ Relative crown size Small ☐ Medium ☒ Large ☐
Crown density Sparse ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Interior branches Few ☐ Normal ☒ Dense ☐ Vines/Mistletoe/Moss ☐
Recent or planned change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☒ LCR 50 %
Dead twigs/branches ☒ _____ % overall Max. dia. 1
Broken/Hangers Number 1 Max. dia. 1
Over-extended branches ☒
Pruning history
Crown cleaned ☒ Thinned ☐ Raised ☒
Reduced ☐ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☐
Flush cuts ☐ Other _____
Main concern(s) PREVIOUS FAILURES, MULTIPLE CAVITIES, CROWN DIEBACK
Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☒
Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☒ Imminent ☐
Cracks ☐ Lightning damage ☐
Codominant ☐ Included bark ☐
Weak attachments ☒ Cavity/Nest hole 20 % circ.
Previous branch failures ☒ Similar branches present ☒
Dead/Missing bark ☒ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☒
Conks ☐ Heartwood decay ☒
Response growth _____

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐
Codominant stems ☐ Included bark ☐ Cracks ☐
Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐
Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ. Depth _____ Poor taper ☐
Lean _____ * Corrected? _____
Response growth _____
Main concern(s) _____
Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☒ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
Likelihood of failure Improbable ☒ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth _____ Stem girdling ☐
Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ _____ % circ.
Cracks ☐ Cut/Damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk _____
Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐
Response growth _____
Main concern(s) _____
Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☒ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
Likelihood of failure Improbable ☒ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

Risk Categorization

Condition number	Tree part	Conditions of concern	Part size	Fall distance	Target number	Target protection	Likelihood												Consequences				Risk rating of part (from Matrix 2)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Matrix 1, Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2, Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

Notes, explanations, descriptions TREE IS IN DECLINE & HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING MULTIPLE BRANCH FAILURES.

Mitigation options REMOVAL Residual risk LOW
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Overall tree risk rating Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☒ Extreme ☐ Work priority 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

Overall residual risk Low ☒ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐ Recommended inspection interval

Data ☒ Final ☐ Preliminary Advanced assessment needed ☐ No ☐ Yes-Type/Reason

Inspection limitations ☐ None ☐ Visibility ☐ Access ☐ Vines ☐ Root collar buried Describe

Photos for street tree removal permit at: 121 Bush St

