



# CITY OF CANNON BEACH

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REMOVE TREES IN THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY OR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY

The City of Cannon Beach has made an application for the removal of approximately 20 dead and distressed understory Sitka spruce trees and the pruning of dead lower canopy limbs for the health of surrounding trees. The affected trees are located within the N. Spruce right-of-way (adjacent to Map 51019DA, Tax Lot 03400 and Map 51020CB, Tax Lot 04301).

The request for tree removal is made based on Municipal Code Section 17.70.020 A, "Removal of a tree which poses a safety hazard." Municipal Code Section 17.70.030 I, Additional Requirements, states for tree removal requests of trees located in a street right-of-way, or on property owned by the city, property owners within one hundred feet of the tree(s) requested for removal shall be notified of the proposed action. The notification shall also be posted on the city's website, and on the bulletin board at City Hall, and at the Post Office. In making its decision on such a tree removal request, the city shall consider comments received within ten days of the date of the mailing of the property owner notification. To be considered, comments must address the tree removal criteria of Section 17.70.020.

Correspondence regarding this matter should be mailed to: City of Cannon Beach, Attention: Tessa Schutt, PO Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110. Further information regarding this application is available at City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street, Cannon Beach, or by calling, 503-436-8048.

DATE NOTICE MAILED: 8/4/2023

cc: Mayor Barb Knop  
Councilor Nancy McCarthy  
Councilor Brandon Ogilvie  
Councilor Gary Hayes  
Councilor Lisa Kerr



# City of Cannon Beach Right-of-Way/Property Owned by the City Tree Removal Application

Please fill out this form completely. Please type or print.

**Applicant Name:** City of Cannon Beach

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110

Phone: (503) 436-8048 Email: schutt@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

**Abutting Property Owner Name:** City of Cannon Beach

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Location:** N. Spruce Right-of-Way **Map/Tax Lot Number:** Adj. to 51019DA03400  
and 51020CB04301

**The city shall issue a tree removal permit if one of the following criteria is met. Please circle the letter of the criteria that applies.**

These criteria require a Tree Removal Report from an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist:

- A. You are constructing a structure or development approved and allowed by pursuant to Cannon Beach Municipal Code 17.70.030, which involves any form of ground disturbance; including required vehicular and utility access. **SEE ATTACHMENT A – Removing Trees Because of Construction.**
- B. Removal of a tree for the health and vigor of surrounding trees.**

These criteria require an ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation Form prepared by an ISA Certified Arborist:

- C. The tree presents a safety hazard, where:
  - 1. The condition or location of the tree presents either a foreseeable danger to public safety, or a foreseeable danger of property damage to an existing structure; and,
  - 2. Such hazard or danger cannot reasonably be alleviated by pruning or treatment of the tree.
- D. The tree was damaged by storm, fire or other injury, which cannot be saved by pruning.

You must submit a tree removal permit with a reason if:

- E. The tree is dead.
- F. Tree removal is necessary to provide solar access to a solar energy system where pruning will not provide adequate solar access:
  - 1. The city may require documentation that a device qualifies for Oregon Department of Energy Solar Tax Credit, or other incentive for installation of solar devices offered by a utility.
  - 2. No tree measuring more than 24 inches in diameter shall be removed for solar access.
- G. Tree removal is for landscaping purposes, subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. The tree cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter.
  - 2. A landscape plan for the affected area must be submitted and approved by the City.
  - 3. The landscape plan must incorporate replacement trees for the trees removed. The replacement trees must be at least six feet in height or have a two-inch caliper; and,
  - 4. The City shall inspect the property one year after the approval of the permit to ensure the landscape plan has been implemented.

**If your tree presents an immediate danger of collapse** and if such potential collapse represents a clear and present hazard to persons or property, **please contact the Community Development Director (CDD)**. If it is determined by the CDD that there is an immediate danger, then a tree removal permit is not required prior to tree removal. However, within seven days after the tree removal, the tree owner shall make application for an after-the-fact permit. Where a tree presents an immediate danger of collapse, a complete ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation Form prepared by a certified arborist is not required. Where a safety hazard exists, as defined by this subsection, the city may require the tree's removal. If the tree has not been removed after forty-eight hours, the city may remove the tree and charge the costs to the owner.

Attach a site plan showing the location and type of all trees on the property, including the trees to be removed. Indicate the location of replacement trees and the type. SEE ATTACHMENT B – Site Plan. Attach photos of the trees to be removed and mark the trees with ribbon.

Explain how the request meets one or more of the applicable criteria. Include the number and type of trees requested for removal. If appropriate, explain why pruning would not accomplish the same goal as tree removal.



Application fee: \$50.00 for 1-4 trees; \$100 for 5 or more trees

**Note:** The application fee is a **nonrefundable** fee that is due upon receipt of application, whether the removal request is approved or denied.

Municipal Code Section 17.70.030.I. For tree removal requests of trees located in a street right-of-way, or on property owned by the city, property owners within one hundred feet of the tree(s) requested for removal shall be notified of the proposed action. The notification shall also be posted on the city’s website, and on the bulletin board at City Hall, and at the Post Office. In making its decision on such a tree removal request, the city shall consider comments received within ten days of the date of the mailing of the property owner notification. To be considered, comments must address the tree removal criteria of Section 17.70.020. Any person who has commented on the tree removal request shall be notified of the city’s decision and may appeal that decision in accordance with subsection H.

Applicant Signature Trevor Mount Date: 8/4/2023

I understand, as the applicant signature, the cost of the tree removal and cleanup is my full responsibility and I am responsible if an approved tree removal permit is violated in any way. I must comply with all City requirements included with the approval, and I must notify the City 48-hours prior to the removal.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Notice Mailed: 8/4/2023 Date of 10-day waiting period: 8/14/2023

Comments Received: Yes  No  Application is:  Approved  Denied

Approved - Tree replacement required per Cannon Beach Municipal Code 17.70.040, Tree Replacement Policy.

Approved with comments:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Decisions on the issuance of a tree removal permit may be appealed to the Planning Commission in accordance with Section 17.88.140 a, of the Municipal Code.



**Treescaping Northwest**  
Jeff Gerhardt, Consulting Arborist  
ISA Certified Arborist #PN-5541A



**City of Cannon Beach, Public Works Department**  
Attn: Trevor Mount; Assistant Public Works Director  
mount@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

August 2, 2023

### **Arborist Report - Spruce ROW**

Per your request, I inspected a grove of trees located on City property near the old grade school. I visited the site on July 26th and observed symptoms of drought stress. Listed below, are recommendations for improving the health of trees at this site, as well as reducing wildfire fuel. Attached is a site map, photograph, and an ISA evaluation form.

Located at the north end of North Spruce Street are approximately 40 densely growing Sitka spruce trees. Diameters range between 2 and 10 inches, and heights are between 10 and 25 feet. Ongoing years of drought stress, coupled with sandy soil and overcrowding, has led to the mortality of approx. 15 trees. Also observed, was an accelerated amount of deadwood in the living trees.

Recommendations are as follows:

- 1) Remove dead trees and small distressed understory trees. Approx. 20 trees.
- 2) Prune lower canopy dead limbs that are 1 inch in diameter and larger.
- 3) Amend soil conditions by adding 2 to 4 inches of wood chips to the interior of the grove.  
\*Invasive free material must be used, and avoid excess piling at the base of trees.
- 4) Extract the unnatural creosote treated "log" from the grove.

Please contact me with any questions from City Staff, the Community, or the hired Arborist.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Gerhardt", written over a light purple rectangular background.

Jeff Gerhardt

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Red circled area denotes location of Sitka spruce grove in City ROW



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**Tree Hazard Evaluation Form**

Site/Address: NORTH SPRUCE ST.  
 Map/Location: CITY ROW  
 Owner: public  private  unknown  other   
 Date: 8/2/23 Arborist: JEFF GERHARDT ISA#: PN-5541A  
 Arborist's Signature: [Signature]

**HAZARD RATING:**

1	+	1	+	2	=	4
Failure Potential		Size of part		Target Rating	=	Hazard Rating
Immediate action needed						
Needs further inspection						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dead tree						

**TREE CHARACTERISTICS**

Tree #: 1-20 Species: PICEA SITCHENSIS  
 DBH: 3'-12" # of trunks: 1 Height: 10'-25' Spread:             
 Form:  generally symmetric  minor asymmetry  major asymmetry  stump sprout  stag-headed  
 Crown Class:  dominant  co-dominant  intermediate  suppressed  
 Live crown ratio:       % Age Class:  young  semi-mature  mature  over-mature/senescent  
 Pruning History:  crown cleaned  excessively thinned  topped  crown raised  pollarded  crown reduced  flush cuts  cabled/braced  
 none  multiple pruning events Approx. dates:             
 Special Value:  specimen  heritage/historic  wildlife  unusual  street tree  screen  shade  indigenous  protected by gov. agency

**TREE HEALTH**

Foliage Cover:  normal  chronic  necrotic Epicormics?  Y  N  
 Foliage Density:  normal  sparse Leaf size:  normal  small  
 Annual shoot growth:  excellent  average  poor Twig Dieback?  Y  N  
 Woundwood development:  excellent  average  poor  none  
 Vigor class:  excellent  average  fair  poor  
 Major pests/diseases:           

**SITE CONDITIONS**

Site Character:  residence  commercial  industrial  park  open space  natural  woodland/forest  
 Landscape type:  parkway  raised bed  container  mound  lawn  shrub border  wind break  
 Irrigation:  none  adequate  inadequate  excessive  trunk wetted  
 Recent site disturbance?  Y  N  construction  soil disturbance  grade change  line clearing  site clearing  
 % dripline paved: 0% 10-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100% Pavement lifted?  Y  N  
 % dripline w/ fill soil: 0% 10-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100%  
 % dripline grade lowered: 0% 10-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100%  
 Soil problems:  drainage  shallow  compacted  droughty  saline  alkaline  acidic  small volume  disease center  history of fall  
 clay  expansive  slope           ? aspect:             
 Obstructions:  lights  signage  line-of-site  view  overhead lines  underground utilities  traffic  adjacent veg.              
 Exposure to wind:  single tree  below canopy  above canopy  recently exposed  windward, canopy edge  area prone to windthrow  
 Prevailing wind direction: S, SW Occurrence of snow/ice storms  never  seldom  regularly

**TARGET**

Use Under Tree:  building  parking  traffic  pedestrian  recreation  landscape  hardscape  small features  utility lines  
 Can target be moved?  Y  N Can use be restricted?  Y  N  
 Occupancy:  occasional use  intermittent use  frequent use  constant use

**TREE DEFECTS**

**ROOT DEFECTS:**

Suspect root rot:  Y  N Mushroom/conk/bracket present:  Y  N ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exposed roots:  severe  moderate  low Undermined:  severe  moderate  low  
 Root pruned: \_\_\_\_\_ Root area affected: \_\_\_\_\_ % Buttress wounded:  Y  N When: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Restricted root area:  severe  moderate  low Potential for root failure:  severe  moderate  low  
 LEAN: \_\_\_\_\_ deg. From vertical:  natural  unnatural  self-corrected Soil heaving:  Y  N  
 Decay in plane of lean:  Y  N Roots broken:  Y  N Soil cracking:  Y  N  
 Compounding factors: \_\_\_\_\_ Lean severity:  severe  moderate  low  
**CROWN DEFECTS:** Indicate presence of individual defects and rate their severity (s=severe, m=moderate, l=low)

DEFECT	ROOT CROWN	TRUNK	SCAFFOLDS	BRANCHES
Poor taper				
Bow, sweep				
Codominants/forks				
Multiple attachments				
Included bark				
Excessive end weight				
Cracks/splits				
Hangers				
Girdling		M (ELK RUB)		
Wounds/beam				
Decay				
Cavity				
Conks/mushrooms/bracket				
Bleeding/sap flow				
Loose/cracked bark				
Nesting hold/bee hive				
Deadwood/stubs				S
Borers/termites/ants				
Cankers/galls/burrs				
Previous failure				

**HAZARD RATING**

Tree part most likely to fall: DEAD BRANCHES  
 Inspection period: \_\_\_\_\_ annual \_\_\_\_\_ biannual \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Failure Potential + Size of Part + Target Rating = Hazard Rating  
1 + 1 + 2 = 4  
 Failure potential: 1-low; 2-medium; 3-high; 4-severe  
 Size of part: 1 - <6" (15 cm); 2 - 6-18" (15-45 cm);  
 3 - 18-30" (45-75 cm); 4 - > 30" (75 cm)  
 Target rating: 1 - occasional use; 2 - intermittent use;  
 3 - frequent use; 4 - constant use

**HAZARD ABATEMENT**

Prune:  remove defective part  reduce end weight  crown clean  thin  raise canopy  crown reduce  restructure  shape  
 Cable/Brace: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspect further:  root crown  decay  aerial  monitor  
 Remove tree:  Y  N Replace?  Y  N Move Target:  Y  N Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effect on adjacent trees:  none  evaluate  
 Notification:  owner  manager  governing agency Date: 8/2/2023

**COMMENTS**

- SEE REPORT