



**CANNON BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

163 E. GOWER ST.

PO Box 368

CANNON BEACH, OR 97110

## MEMORANDUM

**RE: Tree Removal Permit**

**232 E. Monroe St., Taxlot 51029BC01400**

October 17, 2023

A tree removal permit authorizing the removal of trees that have been identified as hazardous. The trees authorized for removal by this permit are:

- One Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), approximately 12 inch DBH.

The application was submitted with a Tree Hazard Evaluation Form prepared by an ISA Certified Arborist as required by CBMC 17.70.030. The application and subject trees have been reviewed by an independent arborist on contract with the City and approval of the application has been recommended.

This removal application meets the criteria of CMBC 17.70.020(A) Permit Issuance - Criteria which states:

*A. Removal of a tree which poses a safety hazard. The applicant must demonstrate that:*

- 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.*

Replacement of the removed trees is not required.

This permit may be appealed to the Planning Commission by filing an appeal with the City Manager within 14 days of the date of this decision.

Sincerely,

Robert St. Clair  
Planner



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



**City of Cannon Beach, Planning Department**

Attn: Robert St. Clair  
stclair@ci.cannon-beach.or.us  
(503) 436-8053

October 15, 2023

**Tree Removal Permit Application Review - 232 E Monroe St**

Per your request, I reviewed the Tree Removal Permit Application submitted by Ross and Connie Wescott. I visually inspected the tree and site on October 15th. It is my recommendation the removal request for 1 tree be granted.

The tree is a Western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*), located along the western property line at 272 W Gogona Ave. The tree is approximately 12" in DBH and 50' tall (photograph attached). Please additionally reference the site map and ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation submitted by Certified Arborist, Joe Balden. The tree has a low percentage of living canopy. The tree is in a state of decline and will die soon. I recommend the removal request for this tree be granted according to permit Criteria C, "*The tree presents a safety hazard.*" Replanting is not a necessity for this property as multiple Sitka spruce trees exist on site.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Gerhardt", on a light pink background.

Jeff Gerhardt

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Dying Western redcedar at 232 E Monroe



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## City of Cannon Beach Tree Removal Application

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

Applicant Name: Ross + Connie Wescott

Mailing Address: 18463 Nixon Ave West Linn, OR 97068

Phone: 503-329-5659 Email: rew5@comcast.net

Property Owner Name: Ross + Connie Wescott

Mailing Address: SAA

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

Property Location: 232 E Monroe Map/Tax Lot Number: 51089BC01400

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 insure 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.

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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.

Applicant Signature Connie Weacott Date: 9-18-23

If the applicant is other than the owner, the owner hereby grants permission for the applicant to act in their behalf.

Property Owner Signature: [Signature] Date: 9-18-2023

Please attach the name, address, phone number and signature of any additional property owners.

I understand, as property owner, that I am responsible if an approved tree removal permit is violated in any way. As property owner, my signature or an authorized applicant's signature, allows any duly authorized employee of the City to enter upon all properties affected by this permit, for the purpose of follow-up inspection, observation or measurement.

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

Application is:

X Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved with comments:

By: [Signature] Robert St. Clair  
Planner Date: October 17, 2023

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.

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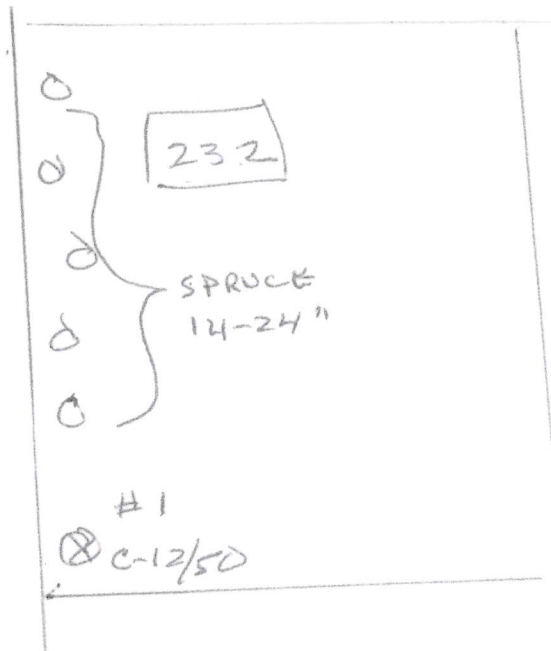
Balden Arboriculture Services  
41500 Anderson Road  
Nehalem, OR 97131  
503-801-3762

### TREE LOCATION SITE DIAGRAM

Client: WESBOTT  
232 E. MONROE ST  
CANNON BEACH

Date: 9-15-2023

Project:  
TREE REMOVAL REQUEST



#### LEGEND

Tree # 1

Species WR CEDAR

Size (DBH) 12

Recommendations REMOVE PER EVALUATION

Sketch not to scale

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# A Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas

## TREE HAZARD EVALUATION FORM 2nd Edition

Site/Address: 232 E. MONROE CANNON BEACH

Map/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: public \_\_\_\_\_ private ☒ unknown \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9-13-23 Arborist: BALDEN ISA#: PN0736

Arborist's Signature: [Signature]

### HAZARD RATING:

1 + 2 + 4 = 7  
Failure Potential + Size of part + Target Rating = Hazard Rating  
☒ Immediate action needed  
\_\_\_\_ Needs further inspection  
\_\_\_\_ Dead tree

### TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Tree #: 1 Species: WESTERN RED CEDAR  
DBH: 12 # of trunks: 1 Height: 50 Spread: 20  
Form: ☒ generally symmetric ☐ minor asymmetry ☐ major asymmetry ☐ stump sprout ☐ stag-headed  
Crown Class: ☐ dominant ☐ co-dominant ☒ intermediate ☐ suppressed  
Live crown ratio: 20% 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: NONE OBSERVED

### 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 fail  
☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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# 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 Lean severity: ☐ severe ☐ moderate ☐ low  
 Compounding factors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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				
Wounds/seam				
Decay				
Cavity				
Conks/mushrooms/bracket				
Bleeding/sap flow				
Loose/cracked bark				
Nesting hold/bee hive				
Deadwood/stubs				
Borers/termites/ants				
Cankers/galls/burrs				
Previous failure				

CROWN DIEBACK

## HAZARD RATING

Tree part most likely to fall: ENTIRE TREE  
 Inspection period: \_\_\_\_\_ annual \_\_\_\_\_ biannual \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Failure Potential + Size of Part + Target Rating = Hazard Rating  
1 + 2 + 4 = 7

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: 9-16-2023

## COMMENTS

1- CROWN DIEBACK 40%, COMPACTED SOIL PROBLEM  
 2- ROOT ZONE COMPROMISED BY ADJACENT SPRUCE  
 REMOVAL RECOMMENDED

*[Signature]*

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