

Email from applicant received 3.10.2023:

I am contacting you in follow-up to Danielle Roberts' (Barretts Tree Service) conversation with you regarding some tree removal at 78 Crescent Street. I recently purchased the property from Gene and Anne Cenci and, prior to moving in, need to remove some trees for protection and solar gain for the house. I did not know that a meeting with the review board was needed for this until Danielle notified me yesterday. Unfortunately, I am away from Burlington until 4/3 and will not be able to attend the meeting on 3/21. I am submitting this written response in support of my request. I understand that B.J. Barrett has also supplied information in support of Barretts' work and Danielle has offered to be at the meeting if there are any questions (B.J. will also be available by phone during the meeting if needed). We are hoping for immediate approval as the work needs to be done in early April while the ground is mostly still frozen (to best protect the lawn areas). I believe Barretts submitted the permit request back in January as my attorneys noted it was on record when I closed on the property in February.

I have walked the property several times with B.J. Barrett who came up with a plan to remove those trees which threaten the house and whose removal will greatly increase solar gain for the property. Also, prior to closing, my insurance agent visited the property and noted the risk of large trees near my house and on my property near my southern neighbors' house that if blown over would certainly damage the houses significantly. I met and reviewed this with the neighbor, Slauson, who were very grateful and have approved the tree removal plan (see attached letter). Plus, the trees surrounding my house shade the house so much that mildew has grown on the roofing and the roofing will need to be replaced prior to my moving in.

In support of my request, I have attached the following:

1. Copy of the survey plat marked to show the approximate locations of trees to be removed per Barretts' plan AND all the areas where no trees will be cut (marked in orange). The lot is very large at about 1.8 acres with the house centered. As noted on this plan, no trees will be cut for several hundred feet in the front and several hundred feet in the back. And no trees will be cut along the northern property line. The trees to be removed are at the edge of the rear lawn to the east and along the southern property boundary which most effect solar gain for my property and possible damage to my property and the Slauson property. B.J. Barrett has also reviewed this plan with the City's arborist.
2. Letter from the Slausons approving the tree removal plan noting the couple of trees on their property that would also be removed to protect their property.
3. Three photos of my northern property boundary where no trees will be cut.
4. Several photos of trees along the rear lawn area that would be removed to increase morning solar gain and to protect the house from potential blown over trees. Photo from in front of the house show how the trees tower over the house.
5. Several photos of trees along the southern property boundary with the Slausons which show how much they shade the house and could cause potential damage to both my house and the Slauson house.

Please let me know if you have any more questions which I would be happy to answer before the review meeting or have Barretts answer at the meeting.

Thank you very much.

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