



# 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 after-the-fact application for the emergency removal of one (1) hazardous shore pine (*Pinus contorta*). The affected tree was located within the Gogona Ave right-of-way (Adj. to Map 51031AA, Tax Lot 02900).

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: 10/10/2023

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:** Larry Peters

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 273, Cannon Beach, OR 97110

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

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

**Property Location:** W. Gogona Ave

**Map/Tax Lot Number:** Adj. to 51031AA02900

**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.

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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.

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Applicant Signature Trevor Mount Date: 10/10/2023

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of 10-day waiting period: \_\_\_\_\_

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

October 9, 2023

### **Hazard Tree Inspection - W Gocona Avenue ROW**

Per your request, I evaluated the hazard potential of one tree located in the City Public Right of Way. After reviewing photographs, I verbally recommended to Trevor Mount that the tree be promptly removed. Attached is a site map, photograph, and ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation Form.

The tree is a shore pine (*Pinus contorta*), approximately 22" in diameter and 35' tall. The tree is located south of West Gocona Avenue. A large leader on the tree failed and created a large fracture down into the main stem of the tree. As a result the tree is severely compromised and hazardous. Pruning for safety is not feasible, and I recommend the tree be removed in entirety. Replanting a replacement tree should be pursued elsewhere, as space is limited at this location.

Best regards,

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

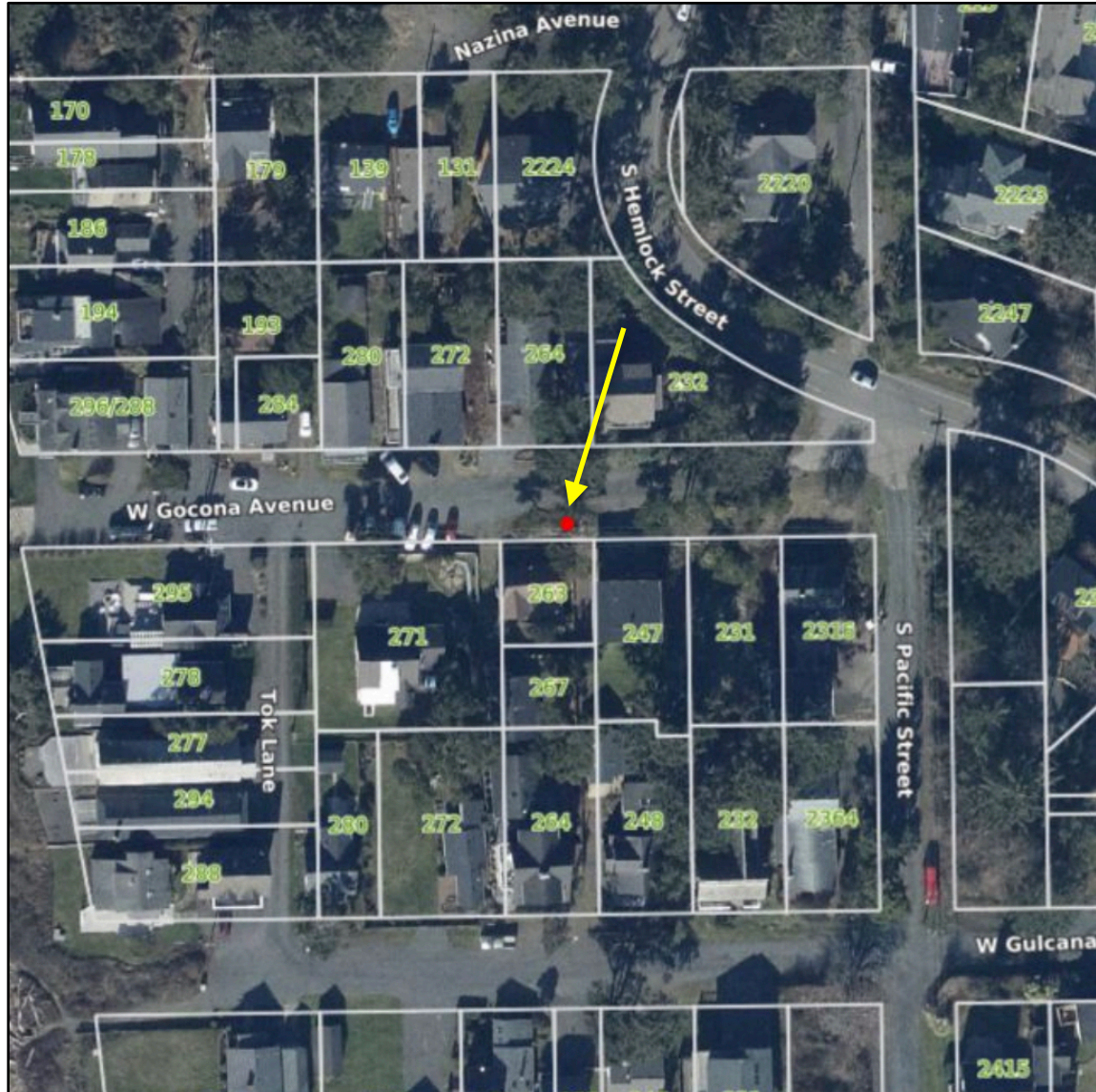
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Red dot indicates approximate location of shore pine in City ROW



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Shore pine tree that I recommend be removed:



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A Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas  
**TREE HAZARD EVALUATION FORM** 2nd Edition

Site/Address: West Gocona Avenue (ROW)  
Map/Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner: public ☒ private \_\_\_\_\_ unknown \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 10/8/2023 Inspector: Jeff Gerhardt  
Date of last inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

**HAZARD RATING:**

4	+	2	+	4	=	10
Failure		Size		Target		Hazard
Potential		of part		Rating		Rating
X						
Immediate action needed						
Needs further inspection						
Dead tree						

**TREE CHARACTERISTICS**

Tree #: 1 Species: shore pine  
DBH: 20" # of trunks: 1 Height: 40' Spread: 25'  
Form: ☐ generally symmetric ☐ minor asymmetry ☒ major asymmetry ☐ stump sprout ☐ stag-headed  
Crown class: ☐ dominant ☒ co-dominant ☐ intermediate ☐ suppressed  
Live crown ratio: 40 % 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 color: ☒ normal ☐ chlorotic ☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Growth obstructions:**

☐ stakes ☐ wire/ties ☐ signs ☐ cables  
☐ curb/pavement ☐ guards  
☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

**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-sight ☐ 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

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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 Underscored: ☐ severe ☐ moderate ☒ low

Root pruned: \_\_\_\_\_ distance from trunk Root area affected: \_\_\_\_\_ % Buttress wounded: Y ☒ N When: \_\_\_\_\_

Restricted root area: ☐ severe ☒ moderate ☐ low Potential for root failure: ☐ severe ☐ moderate ☒ low

LEAN: 0 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			S	
Bow, sweep			S	
Codominants/forks			S	
Multiple attachments			S	
Included bark				
Excessive end weight			S	
Cracks/splits				
Hangers				
Girdling				
Wounds/seam		S		
Decay				
Cavity				
Conks/mushrooms/bracket				
Bleeding/sap flow				
Loose/cracked bark				
Nesting hole/bee hive				
Deadwood/stubs				
Borers/termites/ants				
Cankers/galls/burls				
Previous failure		S		

### HAZARD RATING

Tree part most likely to fail: Top or entire tree above recent stem failure

Failure potential: 1 - low; 2 - medium; 3 - high; 4 - severe

Inspection period: \_\_\_\_\_ annual \_\_\_\_\_ biannual \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Size of part: 1 - <6" (15 cm); 2 - 6-18" (15-45 cm);

3 - 18-30" (45-75 cm); 4 - >30" (75 cm)

Failure Potential + Size of Part + Target Rating = Hazard Rating

Target rating: 1 - occasional use; 2 intermittent use;

3 - frequent use; 4 - constant use

4 + 2 + 4 = 10

### 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: 10/2023

### COMMENTS

See report

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