



2722 Sandpiper Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. Our single-story house is dwarfed by the city's pine tree in our parkway, and is roughly 4 times as high as the house, and only 8 steps from the house. The tree is approx. 80 feet high and 40 feet across.
2. Offshore winds blow into and through the tree, directly at the house. Winds blow dirt and filth, pine needles, pods, greenish yellow pollen, regularly onto several areas of my property:
 - a. **Front yard** – Including the grass, planters, patio and driveway. The doors, screens and windows and mail box are part of the front yard and often covered in greenish yellow pollen. Drains and rain gutters are often clogged with the small flowers, all requiring me to clean them out. Parking a car in front of my own house always leads to sap on the cars.
 - b. **Court yard** – Inside the gray doors, an area leading to the front doors of my home. Winds easily blow the dirt and filth, needles, pods and pollen into the courtyard area, because there is an opening in the roof over the courtyard.

c. **Back yard & Side yard** – Yes, this tree is so big that winds easily blow the pine needles and pods over the house into the back yard, and side yard behind the gate.

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3. **Summary:** I don't like living with the dirt and filth, and I don't like cleaning up all the crap that this City owned tree continually dumps all over my property. It's too much of a physical and health burden for this to continue. My wife has asthma, and I have allergies and both of us use steroid inhalers. This doesn't need to continue. It has become a quality-of-life issue and I am asking that the tree be removed by the City.

My wife and I have lived in this house since June 2018. We like the location because our 3 children and 7 grandchildren live nearby. I will be installing artificial grass in the front yard but not until the City's pine tree is removed.

4. Please review with me the City of Costa Mesa Criteria for Tree Removal:

4.0.2 Category 2 – Accelerated Removals

The City may remove or allow a street tree to be removed, as a "convenience" to property owners or other City departments if the tree meets the "Accelerated removal Criteria and the property owner agrees to the following Criteria and Conditions:

b. The Director may determine to remove a tree based on the following factors and determine the individual tree to be a nuisance and qualify for an Accelerated Removal, with all Conditions to be met in order to allow for the removal of the parkway tree:

- Any tree, where the amount and/or nature of litter from the tree (pods, seeds, flowers, sap, etc.) is significantly greater than can be expected from a typical tree of that variety; or
- Any tree, where impacts on surrounding public or private property improvements (i.e. hardscape, landscape, masonry structures, etc.) are significant or potentially significant in the future; or
- The tree is causing unreasonable impacts on the property owner where it is located.

Conditions

- a. If the sidewalk, curb and/or gutter are damaged by said property owner/applicant (final conditions shall be inspected by the City), the property owner/applicant agrees to pay for all damaged concrete within forty-five (45) calendar days after tree removal. If damage occurs, the property owner/applicant agrees to obtain all permits and provide a bond for completion, and securing a licensed contractor.
- b. If tree is to be removed by City, City staff will prepare a cost estimate for removal based on established contract prices. The property owner/applicant agrees to pay for the service by check or cash. If tree is to be removed by property owner/applicant, the City will require an approved licensed, bonded and insured contractor to remove the tree and stump. Date of removal shall be approved by the Public Services Department
- c. The property owner/applicant agrees to pay the Public Services Department for tree replacement costs based upon the adopted City Council 3:1 tree replacement ratio. For every one mature tree removed, three (3) new trees consisting of one (1) 24" box tree and two (2) 15-gallon trees shall be planted, with tree locations to be determined by the Public Services Department. Property owner/applicant agrees that the Public Services Department will select the tree species and determine minimum acceptable tree species height, trunk caliper, and crown development criteria.

I agree to all conditions. *Bruce A. Green* March 13, 2023















