



**Town of Atherton  
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**TOWN OF ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION  
DRAFT TREE PROTECTION ZONE EXCEPTION CERTIFICATE (APPROVAL)**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the Atherton Planning Commission, at a regular meeting thereof, held on October 23, 2024, **approved the request for a Tree Protection Zone Exception** to Susan Bekom, applicant on behalf of Rakesh Agrawal and Shilpi Agrawal, homeowners, pursuant to Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 8.10.050 and the Town of Atherton's Heritage Tree Preservation Standards and Specifications to allow for a Tree Protection Zone Exception request at 3.5x from (1) one 65-inch Coastal Redwood (Tree #16) for the construction of a new driveway, 6x from (1) one 65-inch Coastal Redwood (Tree #16) for the construction of a new carport at 251 Selby Lane (Assessor's Parcel Number 061-163-080).

The Permit was approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The Approval is limited to Tree #16, one (1) 65-inch Coastal Redwood as reviewed by the Planning Commission at its October 23, 2024 meeting.
2. Letter from the Neighbor expressing Support of the proposed project
3. 3.8" diameter root is protected and not removed
4. Biaxial Geogrid (Tensar BX-1100) as an underlayment is to be placed on top of the parent soil. Minor rough surface grading not to exceed more than 6". Biaxial Geogrid (Tensar BX-1100 or equivalent) to be placed on the soil with only hand-tampered compaction preparation used. Edging needed is recommended to be supported above ground by individual stakes. This shall be installed and shown on G&D plans.
5. One month before construction is to start the neighboring Redwood trees along the driveway to be irrigated from the proposed driveway side of the property using 300 gallons of clean water as mitigation for the minor impacts. The remaining trees all have large, landscaped areas between the trees and the driveway where minor supplemental irrigation should be installed. Oak trees #10 and #11 should be irrigated at the proposed driveway edge every other week for one year using 40 gallons of water at a time per tree. Deep water fertilizing with Nutriroot is required. After one year irrigation near the oaks is recommended to be suspended. Redwood tree #16 is to be irrigated every other week during the dry season with 40 gallons of clean water within the landscaped area. This type of irrigation is recommended to continue throughout the lifespan of the Redwood tree. Adherence to this requirements shall be reflected on the quarterly report.
6. The entire proposed foundation when within 10x the diameter of the tree is required to be excavated by hand in combination with hand tools such as an air knife, rotary hammer with clay spade attachment, or shovels, while under the direct supervision of the Project Arborist. All roots encountered within the foundation area measuring 1.5" in diameter or larger are recommended to be retained for the Project Arborist to inspect before being cleanly cut. Once inspected and documented, the roots will need to be cleanly cut using a

hand saw or loppers. Cut root ends on the tree side are recommended to be painted with a tree pruning sealer/grafting compound then covered by 3 layers of wetted-down burlap to help avoid root desiccation. The contractor shall wet down the burlap daily while exposed. The area between the tree and the foundation (tree protection zone) to be irrigated every other week during the dry season until the top foot of the soil is saturated. This will act as a mitigation measure for the minor impacts. This work will be required to be documented by the town of Atherton with a letter sent to the city arborist. Adherence to this requirements shall be reflected on G&D and quarterly report.

7. All excavation is to be done by hand under the Project Arborist supervision when within 10x the tree's diameter.
8. Sufficient tree protection installed.
9. This permit approval is valid for one year from the effective date.
10. Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Town of Atherton and its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the Town, or its agents, officers and employees to attach, set aside, void, or annul, an approval of the Planning Commission, or City Council concerning this project.

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Effective Date:



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**TOWN OF ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION  
DRAFT TREE PROTECTION ZONE EXCEPTION CERTIFICATE (DENY)**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the Atherton Planning Commission, at a regular meeting thereof, held on October 23, 2024, **denied the request for a Tree Protection Zone Exception** to Susan Bekom, applicant on behalf of Rakesh Agrawal and Shilpi Agrawal, homeowners, pursuant to Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 8.10.050 and the Town of Atherton's Heritage Tree Preservation Standards and Specifications to allow for a Tree Protection Zone Exception request at 3.5x from (1) one 65-inch Coastal Redwood (Tree #16) for the construction of a new driveway, 6x from (1) one 65-inch Coastal Redwood (Tree #16) for the construction of a new carport at 251 Selby Lane (Assessor's Parcel Number 061-163-080).

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