

HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Dear Planning Commissioners;

Pacific Peninsula Architecture has been retained by the Owners of 92 Inglewood Lane to design a new home for their young family. The project consists of a new 2-story residence (6,451 sf, 26' high) with full basement (3,583 sf), detached garage (807 sf, 13' high), detached accessory dwelling unit (782 sf, 13' high), pool, and driveway. The first step in our design process was to develop several different site plan options that looked at proposed residence locations, driveway configurations and accessory structure placement. The Proposed Site Plan, drawing sheet HTR1, submitted as a part of this application represents the best of those site plan options.

The proposed site design meets the Owner's program requirements, as well as all aspects of the Town of Atherton's Zoning Ordinance and Heritage Tree Ordinance. The one exception is the tree located in the detached garage motor court. Tree #53 would need to be removed to provide the proper vehicle back up distance for the garage. The tree is a 26.8 inch diameter Douglas Fir rated "fair" by the Project Arborist and classified as "may be preservable, but is not worthy of extensive effort or design accommodations." We did consider site design accommodations that would retain the douglas fir tree, however those resulted in negative impacts to existing oak trees.

The accommodations were, 1) Locate the detached garage further back on the property, as shown in Exhibit 'A', drawing sheet HTR2, or 2) Locate the detached garage on the other side of the property, as shown in Exhibit 'B', drawing sheet HTR3. Locating the detached garage further back on the property, Exhibit 'A', would result in the garage being located within the 8 times Tree Protection Zone of Tree #55, a 26 inch Coast Live Oak. This approach would also require the detached garage to increase in size to a 4-car garage since the proposed attached garage space would no longer have the required back-up distance to be a feasible garage. Locating the detached garage on the opposite side of the property, Exhibit 'B', would necessitate the removal of Trees #92 & #93, both Coast Live Oaks.

Though it is never desirable to remove a heritage tree, in this case the removal of the douglas fir tree would allow two specimen oak trees to remain or prevent significant building impacts to a large heritage oak tree, while still providing the Owners the enjoyment of a detached garage like that enjoyed by many property owners throughout Atherton. To mitigate the removal of Tree #53, the owners propose to plant three additional trees: 36" box Grecian Laurel, 36" box Chinese Elm, and 36" box Japanese Maple.

For these reasons, the Owners respectfully request that you grant them a Tree Removal Permit for Tree #53.

Sincerely,

Pacific Peninsula Architecture

Jon Daseking, Architect, Director of Design

TOWN OF ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

Project #: __



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	\Box	Special Structures Permit	\$3,025.12
	-	/ Heritage Tree Removal Permit	\$2,325.82
		Tree Protection Zone Exception	\$2,325.82
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		Conditional Use Permit	\$3,025.12
		General Plan Amendment	\$5,817.15
		Initial Review/Negative Declaration	\$2,325.82
		Lot Line Redesignation	\$3,025.12
		School Master Plan	\$872.32
		Tentative Parcel Map	\$3,025.12
		Final Parcel Map	\$3,025.12
		Zoning Ordinance Amendment	\$5,817.15
		Environmental Impact Report	Actual cost
		*All Fees Include	e 3.6% Technology Surcharge
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