

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

**May 2016**

*Date:* 4/25/16

*Requested by:* Michael Broz

*Address:* [MikeBroz@cox.net](mailto:MikeBroz@cox.net)

*Location of Tree:* 2023 Edgewater Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

*Tree Species:* *Ficus benjamina*                      *Common Name:* Weeping Fig

*Zoning/Setback:* E – 3/SD-3 20' Setback

*Reason for Removal:* Crowding.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes       No

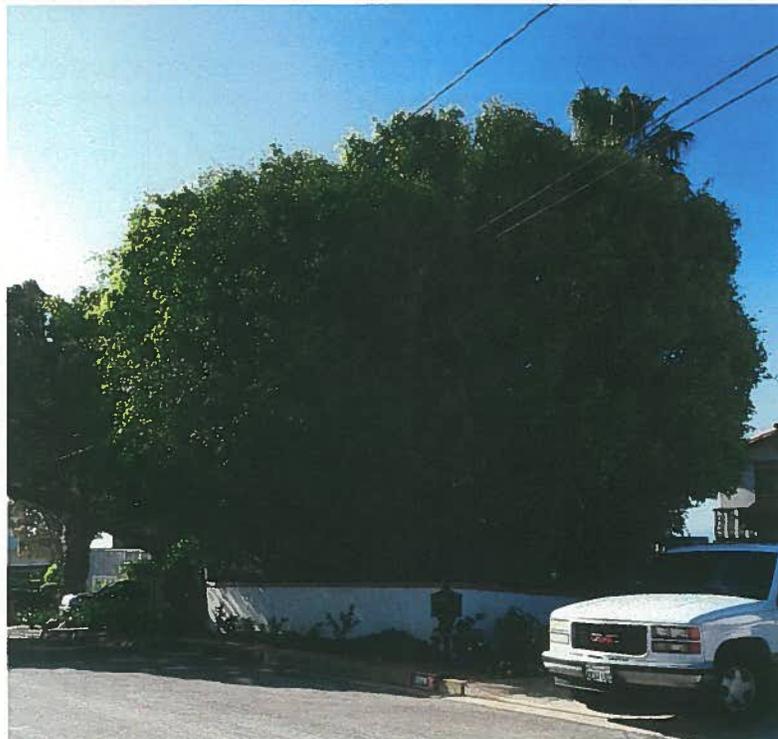
*Advisory Committee Recommendation:*      *Approve Removal:*       *Deny Removal:*

*Staff Recommendation:*      *Approve Removal:*       *Deny Removal:*

*Date Posted:* 5/11/16

*Comments:* The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal.

**PHOTO INVENTORY**



Front Yard 2023 Edgewater Way 05-25-16 Attachment 1



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

APR 25 2016

PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION

City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department

**STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

*Setback*

*PAID*

**Mailing Address:**  
PO Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102  
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

**Office Address:**  
402 E. Ortega St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

<b>DATE OF REQUEST:</b>	APR 20 2016
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	MICHAEL BROZ
<b>ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)</b>	
<b>MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	MIKEBROZ@COX.NET
<b>DAYTIME PHONE:</b>	805-407-7691
<b>TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):</b>	2023 EDGEWATER
<b>TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):</b>	FICUS
<b>REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:</b>	CROWDING

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

1. Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
  - a. The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
  - b. Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review or Historic Landmarks Commission
  - c. The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
2. Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
3. Development plan/Landscape plan

Michael Broz

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2023 Edgewater Way  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
April 20, 2016

Parks and Recreation Dept.  
City of Santa Barbara  
P.O. Box 1990  
402 E. Ortega Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Ficus Tree, 2023 Edgewater Way (Street Tree Removal)

This letter is in support of a Street Tree Removal Application. The tree is located at 2023 Edgewater Way, Santa Barbara. The property owner is Michael Broz.

We would like to request that this application be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next review meeting.

### **SUMMARY**

The ficus tree is one of 4 ficus trees in the front setback area. This tree is now crowded by the other 3 ficus trees and has insufficient space for its location. The tree must be removed in order to open up the view from the street.

There is not enough space for this tree to develop a crown or appropriate diameter.

### **BACKGROUND**

The removal is not associated with new development or redevelopment.  
There is no development project.

The tree is not a designated Specimen or Historic Tree. The property is not an historic landmark.

The potential size of the tree in relation to the size of the space it occupies is problematic. There is not sufficient space for the canopy to develop without spreading branches into the space of adjoining trees on either side. Trimming or thinning is problematic because of the logistics of this location.

There are several other mature trees on this property as well as in this block of Edgewater Way. The forestation of the area will not be compromised. There are 3 other ficus trees nearby. There are many beautiful trees in this block. A mature Japanese Black Pine is nearby.

The structure of the tree is not aesthetically pleasing.

The topography of the site renders removal of this ficus tree desirable.

In addition, many neighbors support the removal of this tree.

### SUMMARY

These ficus trees were planted 35 years ago and need to be thinned. We thank you in advance for consideration of this project.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

1. The first photograph shows the existing 4 ficus trees in front of the property. The one to be removed is the second from the left.
2. The second photo shows the subject tree, crowded by the trees on both sides of it.
3. The third photo shows the trunk of this tree viewed from the street; it is crowded by trees on 3 sides.
4. The fourth photo shows the trunk from the property interior, viewed between the trunk of another tree on the left and an off-shoot on the right.

SIGNED:

Michael Berg  
OWNER

