

**From:** Abigail Pedersen  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:17 AM  
**To:** McLeod, Scott  
**Subject:** RE: Response Draft\_RE: Notice of Decision - Case No. ADJ23-04 for 2605 Laurel Ave NE

Hello Scott,  
Planning requires an arborist report to substantiate the claim that “the scale of pruning required to mitigate the risk would severely compromise the health and structural integrity of the tree”. Please provide an arborist report and an ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

**Abigail Pedersen**

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**From:** McLeod, Scott <[scottm@lenityarchitecture.com](mailto:scottm@lenityarchitecture.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:43 PM

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Hi Abigail,

Here is the draft response for the Tree permit. After talking with you yesterday, I was informed that the obvious issue with this tree is it's hazardous location, in proximity to a power pole and powerlines.

Please let us know if you have any questions for us after reviewing:

***Response to 23-103726-PLN: Tree and Vegetation Removal Permit Application for Removal of Tree Under Code Section 808.040(d)(1) – Hazardous Tree***

*Dear Abigail Pederson,*

*As part of our ongoing efforts in the development of the project at 2605 Laurel Av NE, Salem we have identified a significant tree that presents a clear and obvious safety hazard due to its proximity to existing electrical infrastructure, including power poles and multiple powerlines.*

*In accordance with municipal code section 808.040(d)(1) – Hazardous Tree, we present this application for the tree's removal, substantiated by the following points:*

**Hazardous Proximity to Power Infrastructure:**

*The tree in question is located in very close proximity to power lines and a street power pole, posing a potential risk to public safety and utility infrastructure. Currently, approximately 50% of the height of this tree towers directly over the powerlines. In the event of a tree limb falling or the tree toppling, it could result in power outages, fire hazards, or even physical harm to passersby and residents of the community. Tree growth would only increase this risk and proposing underground powerlines is not for consideration. (See Exhibit 1 and 2)*

**Non-Viability of Pruning or Treatment:**

*Pruning of the tree clearly is a non-viable solution as that the scale of pruning required to mitigate the risk would severely compromise the health and structural integrity of the tree. Moreover, such extensive pruning would not guarantee the elimination of the hazard, given the tree's continued growth and the proximity to power lines.*

**Building Design and Access Changes:** *Development of the current design has undergone several changes including conditional approvals and recommendations from City of Salem: Planning. The tree in question, is conflicting with our proposed driveway access which utilizes the Unamed Alley. Proposed access of local road, Hickory St NE was denied and the City promoted an alternative vehicular site access from the alley as it met the purpose of SRC Chapter 804, to establish development standards for safe and efficient access to public streets access to public streets.*

**Compliance with Code Section 808.040(d)(1):** *The situation meets the criteria set out in the code, which states that tree removal is necessary when the condition or location of the tree presents a hazard that cannot be reasonably alleviated by treatment or pruning.*

**Mitigation Measures:** *We are committed to mitigating the environmental impact of this removal. Our plan includes planting new street trees per City of Salem standards, located in safer location, thereby contributing positively to the local community and neighborhood ecosystem and urban tree canopy.*

*In conclusion, the removal of this tree is a necessary step to ensure public safety and protect surrounding infrastructure, in alignment with the municipal code. Substantiating the tree's hazardous proximity to power lines and the impracticality of other mitigating measures.*

*Given it's hazardous proximity from power utilities We respectfully request approval for this removal and are prepared to take all necessary actions to comply with replacement and mitigation requirements set forth by your department.*

*Thank you for considering this application. We are available for any further discussion or to provide additional information as required.*

*Sincerely,*

*Scott McLeod*

*Exhibit 1:*



EXHIBT 2: STREETVIEW IMAGES SHOWING MULTIPLE VIEWS OF TREE FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES

## Exhibit 2: Multiple Angles





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**Subject:** Notice of Decision - Case No. ADJ23-04 for 2605 Laurel Ave NE

Hello,

The Notice of Decision for Adjustment Case No. ADJ23-04 for 2605 Laurel Ave NE is attached for your information. Hard copies go out in the mail today for those of you who are to receive one.

Application Summary: A Class 2 Adjustment to allow driveway access for a fourplex onto a local street, Laurel Avenue NE, in addition to alley access provided.

Please direct questions or comments to the **CASE MANAGER:**

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Thank you,

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