

NOTICE OF DECISION

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DECISION OF THE PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT: TRP24-46

APPLICATION NO.: 24-122850-PLN

NOTICE OF DECISION DATE: November 18, 2024

REQUEST: A request to remove one 26-inch diameter-at-breast-height (dbh) Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) tree, on the basis that it presents a hazard to people and property. The subject property is zoned RS (Single Family Residential) and located at 480 Eola Dr NW (Polk County Assessor's Map and Tax Lot number 073W28BA/5000, 073W28BA/5003, 073W28BA/5006, 073W28BA/5007).

APPLICANT: R&R Tree Service Inc.

LOCATION: 480 Eola Drive NW, Salem OR 97304

CRITERIA: Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 808.030(d)(1)

FINDINGS: The findings are in the attached Decision dated November 18, 2024.

DECISION: The **Planning Administrator APPROVED** TRP24-46 based upon the application materials and the findings as presented in this report.

Approval of a Tree Removal permit application does not expire.

This decision is final; there is no local appeal process. Any person with standing may appeal this decision by filing a "Notice of Intent to Appeal" with the Land Use Board of Appeals, 775 Summer St NE, Suite 330, Salem OR 97301-1283, not later than 21 days after the decision date. Anyone with questions regarding filing an appeal with the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals should contact an attorney.

The following items are submitted to the record: 1) All materials and evidence submitted by the applicant, including any applicable professional studies; and 2) All materials, evidence, and comments from City Departments and public agencies. The application materials are available on the City's online Permit Application Center at <https://permits.cityofsalem.net>. You may use the search function without registering and enter the permit number listed here: 24-122850.

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<http://www.cityofsalem.net/planning>

BEFORE THE PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF SALEM

DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF)	FINDINGS & ORDER
TREE REMOVAL PERMIT)	
CASE NO. TRP24-46)	
480 EOLA DRIVE NW)	NOVEMBER 18, 2024

In the matter of the application for a Tree Removal Permit, the Planning Administrator, having received and reviewed evidence and the application materials, makes the following findings and adopts the following order as set forth herein.

REQUEST

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PROCEDURAL FINDINGS

1. On November 6, 2024, an application for a Tree Removal Permit was submitted for property located at 480 Eola Drive NW.
2. On November 14, 2024, the application was deemed complete.

SUBSTANTIVE FINDINGS

1. Proposal

The applicant is requesting to remove a 26-inch diameter-at-breast-height (dbh) Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) tree due to the tree being a hazard to people and property.

2. Applicability

SRC 808.015 Significant Trees. No person shall remove a significant tree, unless the removal is undertaken pursuant to a tree and vegetation removal permit issued under SRC 808.030.

DECISION CRITERIA FINDINGS

3. Analysis of Tree Removal Permit Approval Criteria:

SRC 808.030(d)(1) Hazardous tree. The condition or location of the tree presents a hazard or danger to persons or property; and the hazard or danger cannot reasonably be alleviated by treatment or pruning, or the tree has a disease of a nature that even with

reasonable treatment or pruning is likely to spread to adjacent trees and cause such trees to become hazardous trees.

Finding: The applicant provided an Arborist Report (**Attachment C**) for the tree slated for removal. The Arborist Report states that the tree has a large void/cavity in the middle of the tree impacting the trees structural integrity and stability. The Arborist Report further states, "The health of the tree is declining with noted large sections of the tree having minimal or necrotic foliage, minimizing the ability to properly photosynthate to sustain life, and/or repair damages". The Arborist Report also states that the tree's hazards cannot be alleviated by treatment or pruning.

Staff finds that the Tree Removal Permit application for the removal of one hazardous significant tree is consistent with the provisions of SRC Chapter 808 and the applicable approval criteria.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

The proposed Tree Removal Permit is consistent with the provisions of SRC Chapter 808 and is hereby **APPROVED**.



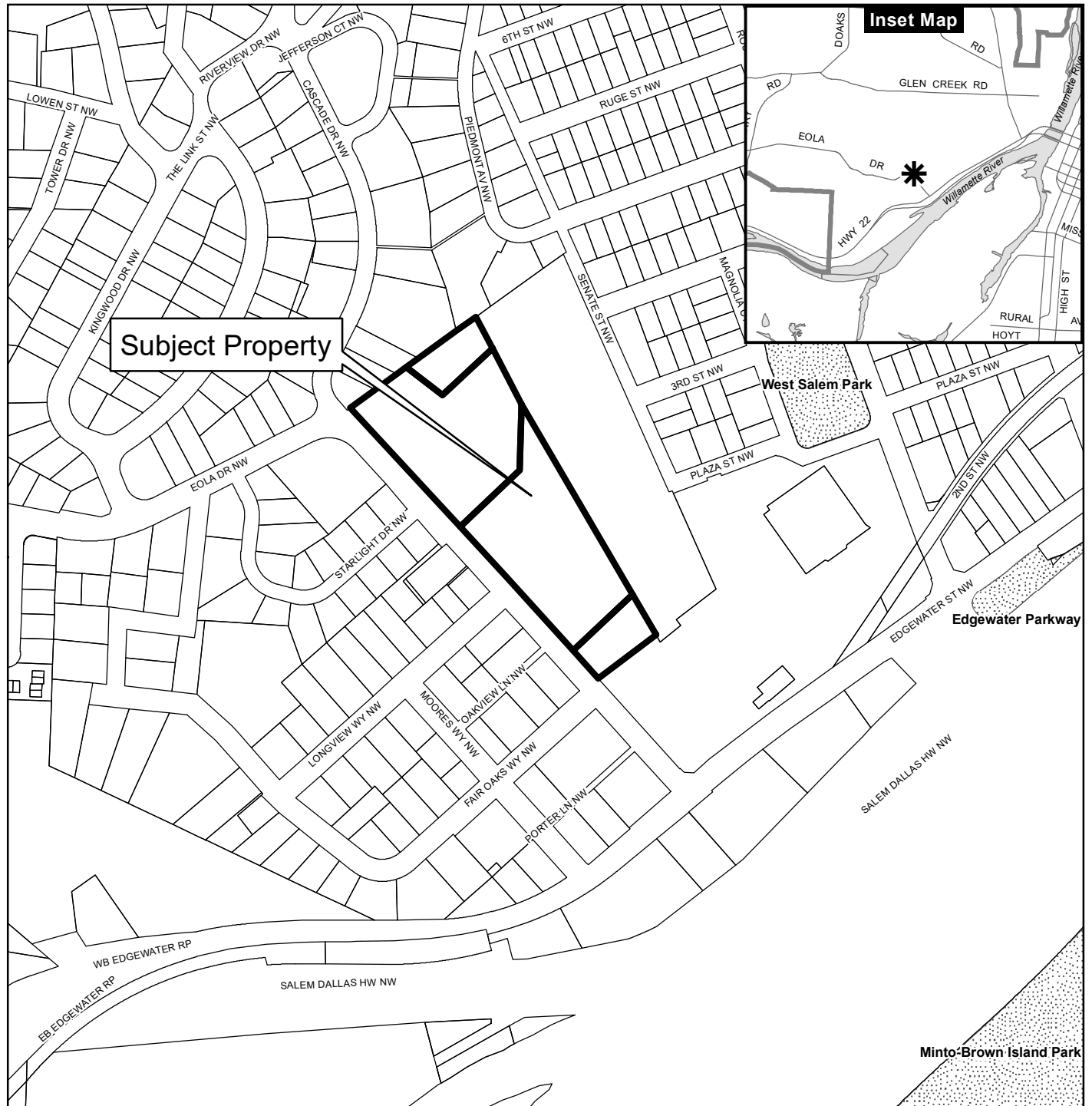
Arthur Graves, City Planner III, on behalf of,
Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie, AICP
Planning Administrator

Attachments:

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. Site Plan
- C. Arborist Report

Vicinity Map

480 EOLA DRIVE NW



Legend

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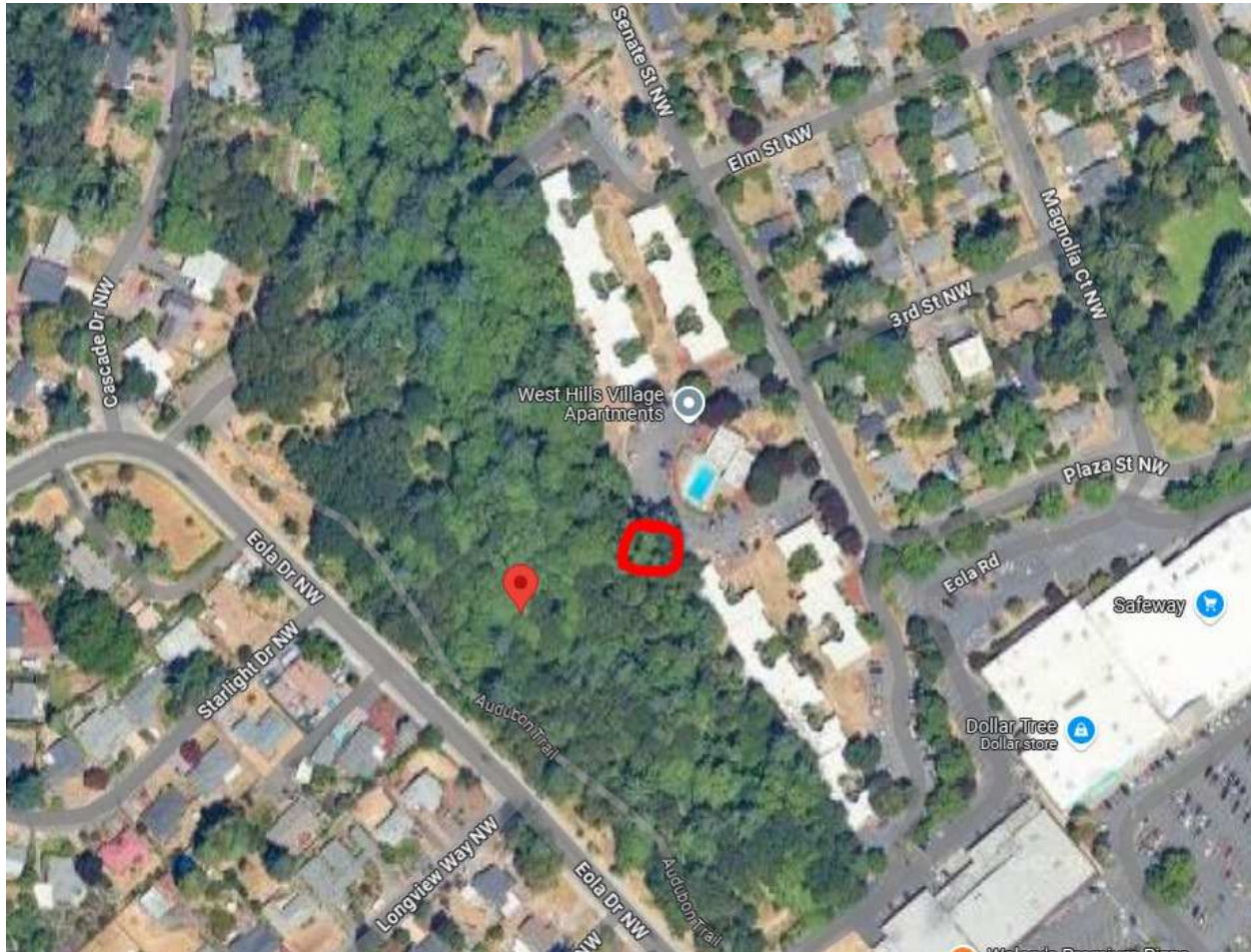
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LOCATION – Overview





ARBORIST REPORT

Located at: 480 Eola Dr NW, Salem

Prepared for: Salem Audubon Society

By: Tim Jones, ISA Certified Arborist #PN-6819-A / TRAQ Certified

Evaluation performed: November 5, 2024

DESCRIPTION

Hazardous Tree Removal pursuant to SRC 808.030(d)(1).

Our company was contacted by Lee Slattum, representative of the Audubon Nature Reserve on behalf of the Salem Audubon Society, regarding the hazardous condition of an Oregon white oak tree. The tree is located on the SE corner of the Audubon Nature Reserve and in close proximity to the West Hills Village Apartments at 341 Senate St NW, Salem. *(Tree location is circled in maps on following two pages)*

The tree measures at approximately 26" in diameter and requires a permit from the city of Salem to remove.

Upon inspection, looking into the lower cavity, you can see daylight through the middle of the tree and the shell wall appears to be below the ISA threshold for stable structural integrity. The cavity stretches vertically through the bole for several feet, further jeopardizing the structural integrity. The health of the tree is declining with noted large sections of the tree having minimal or necrotic foliage, minimizing the ability to properly photosynthesize to sustain life, and/or repair damages.

In my opinion, the removal is necessary due to the hazardous condition and location of the tree, especially in close proximity to the neighboring apartments, which present both a hazard and danger to persons and property. These hazards cannot be alleviated by treatment or pruning.

I recommend removing the tree for safety.