



ARBORIST REPORT

Located at: 1205 Hillendale Dr SE, Salem

Prepared for: Gordon Jackson

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Evaluation performed: March 27, 2025

DESCRIPTION

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

Our company was contacted by Gordon Jackson, homeowner at 1205 Hillendale Dr SE in Salem, regarding the hazardous condition of a cedar tree located in the left rear corner (NW) of his backyard. *(Tree location is circled in white on following page)*

The tree measures at approximately 35" in diameter and requires a permit from the city of Salem to remove.

On March 27, 2025 I inspected the cedar tree. The tree poses significant safety issues for both the city and public due to the close proximity to multiple utility wires. The cedar has been severely over pruned by the utility company, removing more than 50% of the live canopy. The tree was also "lion-tailed". Lion tailing removes a large number of inner branches, leaving the tree with long bare limbs and foliage left at the tips, leaving the tree vulnerable to wind damage, increases the risk of breakage and dampening wind movement. The lower canopy is in direct contact with the utility communication lines on the west side of the tree. It appears the limbs are rubbing against the lines, causing excessive wear that can lead to fire/damages and/or outages to communication and power in the area. Consistent over pruning by the utility company has weakened the integrity of the limbs, making the tree more prone to breakage. In addition, the tree type and size are inappropriate for the planting area below these overhead power lines.

In my opinion the tree should be removed for safety and to prevent the loss of communication and power. I believe the removal is necessary due to the hazardous condition and location of the tree, which present both a hazard and danger to persons and property. These hazards cannot be alleviated by treatment or pruning.

LOCATION – Overview



PICTURE 1
Taken 03/27/2025



PICTURE 2
Taken 03/27/2025



PICTURE 3
Taken 03/27/2025

