

ARBORIST REPORT

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On April 4, 2022, I met with Carmen Bensink Lewis and Scott Lewis who are the owners of the property located at 830 Hood St NE Salem, OR 97301 and inspected a Black Walnut tree located in the SW corner of the backyard.

The tree is a Black Walnut tree (*Juglans nigra*). The tree is approximately 65 feet in height, with a crown width of approximately 30-40 feet, and a DBH of approximately 42 inches, which classifies it as a significant tree under City of Salem amended SRC Chapter 808. The tree is located in the SW corner of the backyard by the fence line of the property.

The Walnut tree had large branches break due to the February 2021 ice storm, some of which are still hanging within tree. As seen in the first picture below the tree is located in the backyard of the property by the fence line and there are neighboring homes/structures behind that fence line. The tree has large branches that go past the fence line and overhang the neighboring homes/structures. The backyard has constant children at play and pedestrian traffic on both sides of the fence line, the neighbors' children have been denied access to play in backyard because of potential threat of branches falling while they play. As seen in the second picture below, the base of the tree has a large crevice that has advanced rot. Also, the center of the tree has excessive branch dieback that has high potential to fail. Carmen Bensink and Scott Lewis, the owners of the property are requesting permission to remove the tree in order to maintain safety for their children and the neighbors' homes/structures and their children. The property owner has a plan to plant new trees along the fence line if permit is approved. Due to the health decline of the Walnut tree from advanced rot, high potential for failure from the branch dieback and being in close proximity to property owner's and neighbor's children when they play and neighboring homes/structures, it is my professional recommendation that this tree be removed.

Respectfully,
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