

Elwood's TREE SERVICE

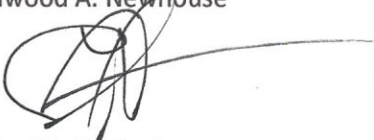
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To whom it may concern:

The following is a report on an Oregon White Oak tree that was inspected by me on February 7, 2018. Recently, the property owner again contacted Elwood Newhouse of Elwood's Tree Service asking that the tree be reinspected because of concerns that the tree is pressing into the gutter of the house. The owner expressed concerns that the tree appears to be pressing more into the front gutter than it has been previously. The base of the tree was re-exposed and the tree at and below ground was reinspected. Again, there did not appear to be any indications that the soil was cracking or lifting. On the house side, a fair amount of soft decaying wood was encountered at and below ground. The buttress roots on either side of this area appear to still be healthy. It is evident that decay has advanced in the lower trunk area between these two major roots. It is very likely that the inner trunk has softened enough that there is inner compression of the soft wood caused by the very heavy branches on the west side of the tree over the house. Structurally, there are no practical ways to provide support for the tree to correct this problem even if the existing decay were to arrest. Any attempt to try to prune weight off of the tree's west side to reduce the pressure is not practical under proper arboricultural practices. Sadly, it is recommended that the tree be removed at the earliest time practical.

Regards,
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