

Tickle Creek Village Tree Removal Project Narrative

I. Application Approval Requests

The applicant requests the following approvals with this application:

- Type I Tree Removal
- Type I FSH Tree Removal

II. Items Submitted With This Application

- Land Use Application
- Exhibit A - Project Narrative
- Exhibit B - Arborist Memo
- Exhibit C - Photos

III. Project Narrative

The applicant requests approval to remove three additional trees within the Tickle Creek Village project area. These trees are identified as Trees #101, #102, #103. In addition, the applicant intends to also remove the unnumbered tree next to Tree #103 originally identified for removal at this time.

As shown on the sketch to the right, Tree #101 and #102 are located within the development site near the Northwest corner of Building #9 and Tree #103 is located within the restricted development area near the northeast of Building #8. The reasons the applicant is requesting to remove these trees is a concern with property damage and tenant safety if these trees were to fall given their location, condition, and species.

A supplemental memo written by the Project Arborist (Exhibit B) indicates the three trees in question are all in fair condition. In addition, this memo states that Scouler's willow (Trees #102 and #103) are a short-lived species and Western Hemlock (Tree #101) is a sensitive species susceptible to damage and decline from environmental changes, even when well protected from construction.

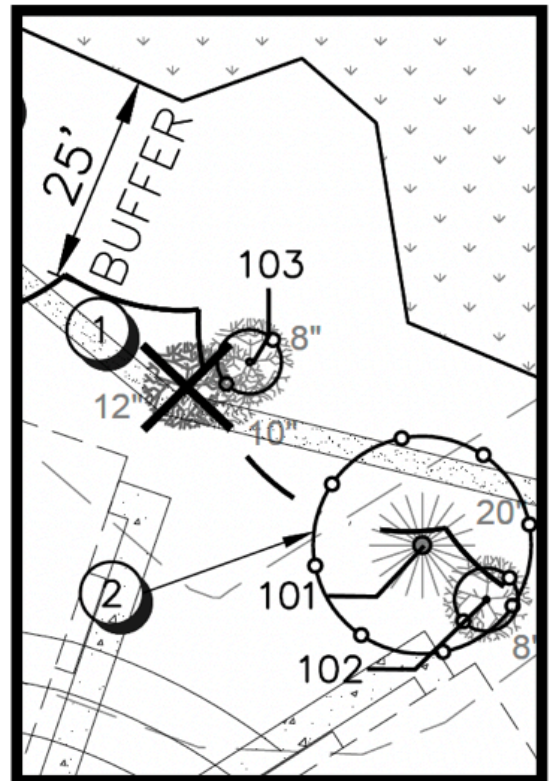
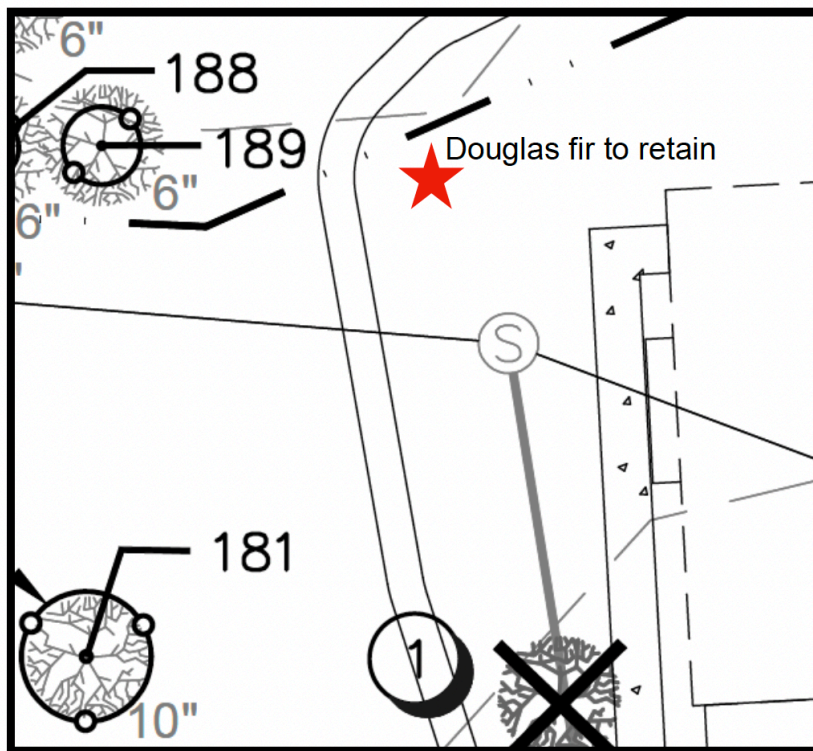


Table 1: Proposed Tree Removals

Tree #	Common Name	DBH	Health Condition	Structural Condition	Protection Status	Reason for Removal	Comments
101	Western hemlock	24	Fair	Fair	Protected	Construction & condition	Thin crown, exposed root crown from growing on nurse stump
102	Scouler's willow	7	Fair	Fair	Not protected	Construction & condition	Suppressed
103	Scouler's willow	8	Fair	Fair	Not protected	Construction & condition	Moderately suppressed

Trees #101 and #102

As noted above, Trees #101 (Western Hemlock) and #102 (Scouler's Willow) are located within the development site near the northwest corner of Building 9. The applicant's original submittal did not identify either of these trees to be retained, however, Tree #101 was added to the protected list by staff during review of the application. Given the current condition and location of this tree, the applicant's Arborist recommends this tree and Tree #102 be removed. To mitigate for Tree #101, the applicant proposes retaining the Douglas fir located north of the existing sewer manhole as shown on the sketch below. This tree is in good condition and likely to grow to maturity as required for a protected tree. Tree protection fencing has already been installed around the perimeter of this tree in anticipation it would be retained.



Tree #103

As noted above, the applicant also proposes removing Tree #103 located just within the restricted development area. The reason for this request is a concern the condition and location of this tree poses a threat to structures and safety. Section 17.60.20(B)(5) allows:

5. "Removal of up to two trees of six inches or greater dbh in a calendar year, provided that each tree removed is replaced with two native trees, each of which must be one and one-half inches or greater caliper and placed within the restricted development area of the site."

The applicant is requesting approval to remove this tree as allowed within 2021 calendar year. As noted in the Arborist's supplemental memo, the species of this tree, Scouler's willow is a short lived species, prone to decay and failure, and is generally not desirable when within striking distance of structures.

As required by Subsection B.5 above, the applicant proposes planting two minimum five foot tall Douglas fir or other appropriate native evergreen species within the restricted development area northeast of the removed tree.

IV. Conclusion

The applicant has submitted this application requesting a Type I tree removal permit and a Type I FSH tree removal permit to remove three additional trees within the Tickle Creek Village project site (T2S R4E Section 1400 tax lot 3100). As demonstrated in this narrative as supported by the project Arborist's supplemental memo (Exhibit B), the proposal complies with all relevant code standards and the applicant respectfully requests this application be approved.