



October 7, 2011

Sent Via E-mail to: laappio@gmail.com

Ralph Appio
1365 Fisher Hawk Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Subject: Tree Removal Permit – 1365 Fisher Hawk Drive
File No.: 2011-7665

Dear Ralph Appio:

The Department of Community Development has reviewed your application for a Tree Removal Permit for **two (2) Cedar trees** located at the above referenced addresses.

Approval is granted for the removal of **(1) Cedar tree located in the front yard closest to the driveway**. The Department of Community Development has **denied** your request for removal of the **one (1) remaining Cedar tree located towards the middle of the front yard**. In order to grant a tree removal permit, at least one of the following findings is necessary: (1) the tree is not healthy, (2) it represents a potential hazard, or (3) it unreasonably restricts the use of your property or your neighbor's use of their property. Based on an examination of the subject tree, none of these findings can be made. Please refer to the ISA Pruning Guidelines at <http://www.treesaregood.com> for information on safe pruning techniques to avoid damaging the tree. We strongly recommend consulting a Certified Arborist for pruning assistance.

The Sunnyvale Tree Preservation Ordinance was adopted to protect the diversity of trees in Sunnyvale. Trees are a valuable asset to the community in terms of aesthetics, protection of habitat, and enhancement of economic value of property and may be removed only under the circumstances noted above. The Cedar tree in the front yard that is not approved for removal is considered healthy. Pruning measures are recommended to reduce conflicts in the yard and the street. The tree is not considered a hazard to people, structures or other trees.

You may appeal this decision to the Planning Commission by filing a written appeal within fifteen calendar days of the date of this notice. There is a \$131.00 filing fee for the appeal.

According to the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, Section 19.94.080, any tree removed is required to be replaced. You may refer to the City's website *Trees.inSunnyvale.com* for information regarding appropriate trees for the site. Please **complete and mail the enclosed Tree Replacement Postcard** to let us know when the replacement tree has been planted.

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This Tree Removal Permit is valid for a year from the date of issuance. **The permit must be displayed in a location visible from the public right-of-way during tree removal.** If you need assistance with replacement tree selection, you may consult with the City Arborist, Steve Sukke, at (408) 730-7505. If you have any questions regarding this permit, please contact me at (408) 730-7431. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Kuchenig".

Ryan M. Kuchenig
Project Planner