

## Tree Appeal for 120 Citizen Street on behalf of Jason & Betty Guillot

Dear Commissioners and Council Members,

I am writing to formally appeal the decision denying approval to remove one oak tree located at 120 Citizen Street.

The current site design was developed with careful consideration for the existing natural features of the lot, including **seven oak trees**, all of which were intentionally incorporated into the layout. While it is my goal to preserve as many of these trees as possible, the removal of this particular oak—**the smallest on the property at approximately 14 inches in diameter**—would allow for the most functional and responsible use of the site.

Preserving this tree would require the residence to be pushed back more than **70 feet from Hancock Street** in order for this house to remain outside of its drip line. This shift would, in turn, place the structure within the drip lines of the larger, more mature oak trees located on the side and rear of the property as well as those on neighboring parcels. In effect, saving this one small tree would increase the risk of negatively impacting multiple mature trees, which runs counter to the intent of tree preservation efforts.

Additionally, the subject lot is unique in that **it is entirely outside of the flood zone**, unlike several adjacent properties. Maintaining this advantage is important to both the long-term value of the property and responsible site development, and further constraining the buildable area could compromise that benefit.

We respectfully request reconsideration of this decision in light of the broader preservation goals, overall site impacts, and the practical limitations imposed by the existing tree canopies. We believe that approving the removal of this one small oak will ultimately result in a better outcome for the property and the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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