



CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA
Staff Report
for
Ohana Commercial Plaza Tree Removal Permit

TYPE OF CASE: Tree Removal Permit Requiring City Commission Approval

STAFF REVIEWER: Patty Kulak

DATE: November 14, 2024

APPLICANT: Streamline, LLC

AGENT: Edward Marshburn

REQUEST: Removal of one (1) significant oak tree from the subject property located at 110 Broward Avenue to support development of a cell tower, in accordance with LDC Section 4-80.

LOCATION: 110 Broward Avenue

PROPERTY SIZE: 0.64 +/-acres

STAFF NARRATIVE:

Streamline, LLC is proposing to develop a cell tower at the rear of the Veterans Office building located at 110 Broward Avenue, a property owned by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners. The applicant states that the location of a significant oak tree would encroach into the minimum foundation requirement needed for the tower.

The applicant is requesting the removal of one (1) significant oak tree. Per the LDC, a significant oak tree is defined as *'any Live Oak, Laurel Oak, or Water Oak of at least twelve inches in caliper, measured at DBH.'*

The applicant has not included a plan or proposal for replanting the tree, nor has any alternative mitigation been suggested. The LDC provisions regarding the protection of significant oak trees allow for their removal, subject to the replanting requirements in LDC Section 4-80.16.5:

'The replacement Live Oak tree must be at minimum: ten (10) feet in height, contain a four (4) foot spread, and have a four (4) inch caliper, DBH, at the time of planting. All significant oak trees approved for removal shall be replaced on a DBH inch-for-inch basis.'

Staff finds that the request is not consistent with the LDC, as it is subject to the replanting requirements outlined above in Section 4-80.16.5.

SUGGESTED MOTION(S)

APPROVAL:

I make a motion to approve the proposed tree removal permit, subject to replanting of a similar size live oaks tree on-site, meeting the minimum size specifications of the Land Development Code.

DENIAL:

I make a motion to deny the proposed tree removal permit.

The request does not meet the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code, Section 4-80.16.5.

- 1) Why?

