



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Planning Division**

*Historic Preservation*

<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	January 14, 2021
<b>DATE OF APPLICATION</b>	January 4, 2021
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Linda Gail Tigner
<b>PROPERTY</b>	1542 Alameda Street
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Hacienda Park Historic District
<b>PERMIT REQUEST</b>	Minor Certificate of Appropriateness (MINCOA 15278-2021)
<b>DECISION</b>	Removal of two Canary Island Pine trees
<b>APPEAL</b>	Denial
<b>CONTACT</b>	20 calendar days (February 3, 2021)
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Dear Applicant:

The Planning Division has completed its review of **MINCOA 15278-2021**. The request has been **denied** for the removal of two Canary Island pine trees (*Pinus canariensis*). The Parks and Landscapes Supervisor conducted a pre-trimming review on January 6, 2021.

**BASIS FOR DECISION**

The following table illustrates the analysis conducted by the Planning Division to make this decision.

<b>REGULATIONS</b>	Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program, City Council Resolution No. 2020-55
<b>RELEVANT EXCERPTS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. "Removal of Character-Defining Landscaping shall be permitted if one of the following criteria is met, subject to approval of a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. "<i>Danger to Public Welfare</i>. A Minor COA shall be obtained prior to removal of any and all character-defining landscaping ... that is clearly a danger to the public welfare...."</li><li>ii. "<i>Dead or Diseased Trees</i>. A Minor COA shall be obtained prior to removal of any dead or diseased trees...."</li></ol></li></ol> <p>(CC Reso. No. 2020-55)</p>
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	CC Reso. No. 2020-55 requires a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of any tree that exceeds the minimum protection threshold. The Parks and Landscapes Supervisor conducted a pre-trimming review of the subject trees and observed that the trees exceed the minimum protection threshold for Canary Island pine trees (18" DBH) but are neither a "danger to public welfare" nor "dead or diseased trees." Though there is an inherent danger with any trees that are this tall, these trees are healthy and have been serviced regularly with no dead wood or accumulation of dead pine needles, both of which lead to spider mites and other issues. Because neither criterion for the removal of a character defining tree has been met, this Minor COA request for removal has been denied.



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**APPEALS**

This decision will become final on February 3, 2021, unless an appeal is filed with the Planning Division by this date. The applicant or any member of the public may file an appeal. There is no cost to file an appeal for a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness. Appeals may be filed with the contact listed in this letter.

Sincerely,

**Anita D. Gutierrez, MPL, AICP**

Development Services Director