LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Fourth Ward

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 416 North Poplar Street

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Tree removal

APPLICANT: Tony Ward

**Details of Proposed Request**

*Existing Context*

The existing site is a single family parcel located in Fourth Ward. There are two large maturing trees in the front yard and three in the rear.

*Proposal*

The applicant is requesting the removal of the tree closest to the house in the rear yard.

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1. A Certified Arborist should be consulted in all applications regarding the removal of trees, and regarding the planting of trees when necessary. For full HDC review cases, a written recommendation from a Certified Arborist may be required.
2. The removal of dead or diseased trees will not require a Certificate of Appropriateness, provided a written assessment by a Certified Arborist is submitted to HDC Staff in advance, and that the HDC Staff judges that removal is justified. Otherwise, the removal request will be reviewed by the full Historic District Commission.
3. Trees in rear yards that are less than six inches in diameter may be removed with administrative approval.
4. Large healthy trees in rear and side yards that make a major contribution to the neighborhood tree canopy cannot be removed without the approval of the full Historic District Commission.
5. Front yard trees less than six inches in diameter may be removed with administrative approval. The removal of larger trees will require the approval of the full Commission, unless a written assessment by a Certified Arborist is submitted to HDC Staff in advance, and that the HDC Staff judges that removal is justified.
6. Where necessary, applicants are responsible for obtaining a tree protection plan approval from the Charlotte Engineering Department for new construction and additions, as required by the Charlotte Tree Ordinance.

**Staff Analysis**

The Commission will determine if the request meets the guidelines for removal.