
LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Wilmore

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1747 Merriman Avenue

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Tree removal

APPLICANT: Tommy Wells

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Context

The site is single family property with a gravel driveway in the side yard that ends at a large tree in the front yard.

Project

The applicant is requesting the removal of the tree on the right side to construct a concrete one car driveway to the rear of the property for access to a garage in the future. The tree in its current location impedes access to the rear yard. The applicant is also requesting the removal of a pine tree in the front yard adjacent to the elm tree in the front yard because it is close to the house and will be damaged if the other tree is removed.

Policy & Design Guidelines – Trees, page 8.5 (New Guidelines)

1. Retain existing trees that define the district's character.
2. When tree removal is needed (due to disease or other reasons) or desired, a certified arborist must be consulted and the written recommendation must be provided to the HDC before removal is granted. This guideline includes trees in front, side and rear yards.
3. Trees less than six inches in diameter may be removed in front, side and rear yards with administrative approval.
4. Identify and take care to protect significant existing trees and other plantings when constructing new buildings, additions or site structures such as garages.
5. New construction that impacts healthy trees must be reviewed by the HDC. Unhealthy mature trees are reviewed by HDC staff. Replacement trees may be required.
6. The HDC may require the planting of additional trees to replace a mature canopy that is removed.

Staff Analysis

The Commission shall determine if tree removal is appropriate and replacement, if possible.

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1747 Merriman Avenue – Project Description

The house has no defined drive way, the intended driveway has for decades been over grown. Property owner wishes to install a concrete drive way to the back yard where they also wish to build a garage. The front right of the property, the proposed driveway is significantly obstructed by a Elm Tree(30 DBH) which will need to be removed and the stump ground, the stump grinding process will destroy the root system of a nearby evergreen tree(12 DBH) witch the customer wishes to remove as well.

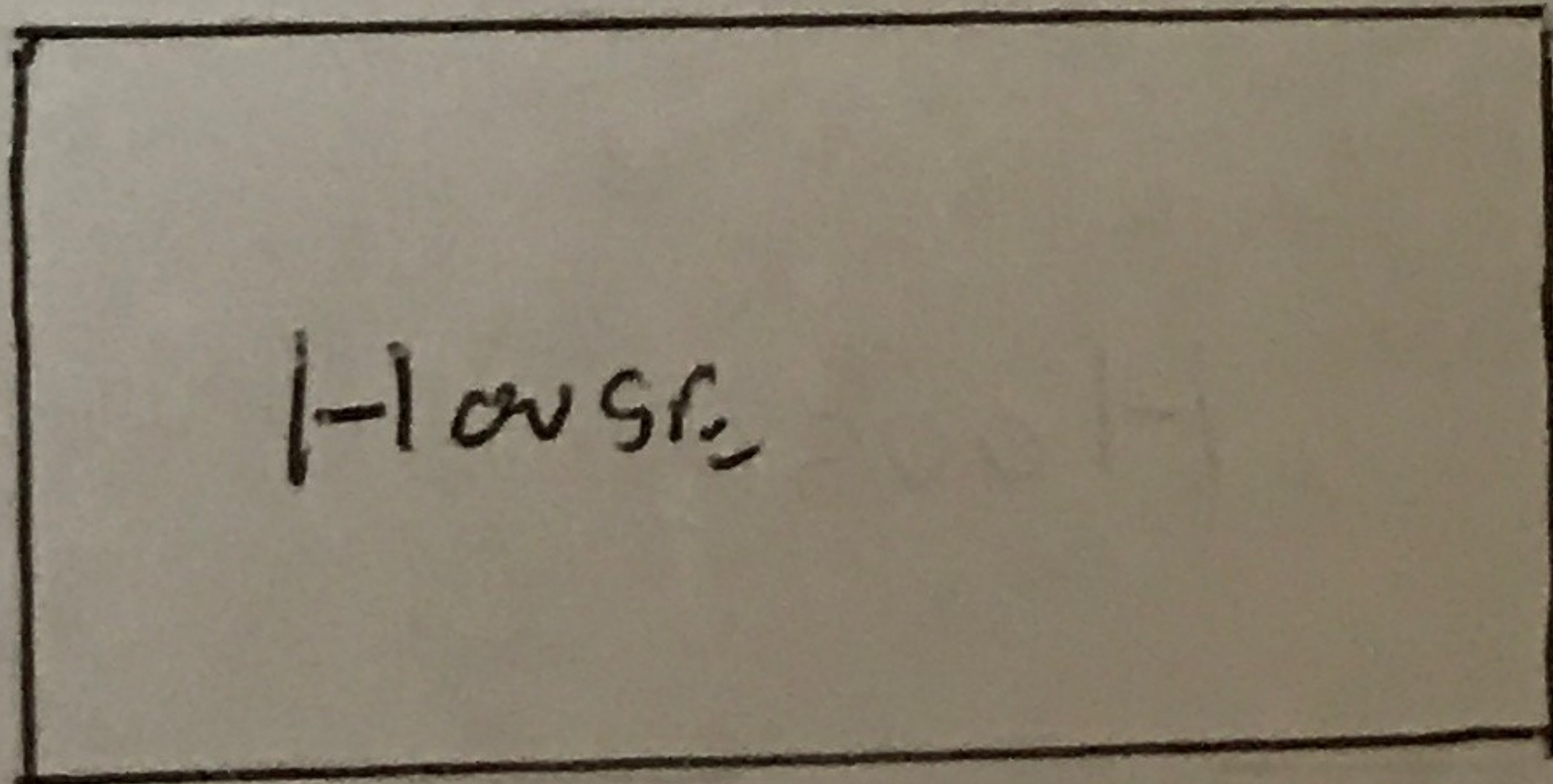
The back yard of the property has 2 trees the owner wishes to remove. A pecan tree(16 DBH) along the left fence has the entire canopy blown out. The second tree is a Silver Maple(39 DBH) one of the three main leads needs to be removed because its canopy is approximately 85% dead & it is doubtful the tree will be able to sustain its life as it is losing this much canopy, cut will also leave a very large wound on the trunk of the tree.

← FENCE →

← BACK FENCE →

← FENCE + PROPERTY LINE →

PROPOSED
DRIVEWAY



HOUSE

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