

Arborist Report
1620 Benton St.

Date: October 30, 2025

Prepared by: Erin Smith, Public Works Director
950 West Mall Square, Room 110
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Subject: 1620 Benton St.

Species: Liquidambar styraciflua – Liquidambar

Recommendation: Removal – This tree was determined for removal per the City's [Tree removal policy](#). Section D-All Other Tree Removals. Any resident or property owner can protest this determination in writing: October 30, 2025 – November 20, 2025. Protest procedures are in Section E of the City's [Tree Removal Policy](#).

Summary:

The Liquidambar tree at 1620 Benton St. is in declining health and causing a public infrastructure and ADA conflict. . A certified arborist has assessed the tree and recommends removal, no treatment is available to resolve the tree health issues that were caused by previous root pruning. Additional root pruning has been identified as the only possible site modification to resolve the infrastructure conflict, it is estimated that additional pruning would damage the tree beyond recovery and destabilize the tree creating a fall hazard.

Photo:



Arborist Determination: Removal - the liquidambar tree located at 1620 Benton St. is recommended for removal given existing health issues and need for infrastructure conflict resolution. is

Signed by:

Joe Baratolo

Joe Bartolo, Certified Arborist