Tree Policy Comments

From: jon <email>

Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 3:16 PM

To: TreePolicy Comments

Subject: policy

Is this a new policy or just the old one. It is not very clear in the letter if it is new where do I find the new one for the city.

John Weick

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David H. Ready,

From: Steven Kolodny <email> Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 6:42 PM To: TreePolicy Comments; City Manager **Subject:** A PVE City Brazilian Pepper Tree that is a problem **Attachments:** IMG 4200.JPG; IMG 4196.JPG; IMG 4197.JPG; IMG 4198.JPG; IMG 4199.JPG I am writing to you because of an e-mail from the City Of PVE asking for input about trees which i received today. In Febuary and March I was in contact with David Ready the Interim City Manager about a PVE City Pepper Tree in front of my house. This was my first e-mail: I live at 1360 Via Coronel. There is a Brazilian Pepper tree that is a City tree in front of my house and it is very overgrown. When we have storms like we just had, leaves are plugging up my area drains. Our home is on a hill going down the slope and twice now the plugged drains have resulted in floods under our front door. I constantly have to keep cleaning out the area drains. A number of years ago with permission from the City arborist, I paid to trim the tree. At that time, he told me that the city was not trimming trees then because of lack of money. I know the city is trimming trees now because they have trimmed trees on nearby streets like Via Romero. I spoke with Carl, the arborist and he was very nice but he told me that there still is a money shortage and he said only trees on designated streets were being trimmed. This tree is very overgrown and it is doing damage to my property with the floods. Is there anyway the city could trim it? I checked with a private arborist and the want \$800 to trim the tree. I really think it is the city's responsibility, not mine. Please help. Sincerely, Steven Kolodny phone number Please look at the attached photos and you can see the tree and how the leaves get on the drains. Originally, Mr. Ready thought something could be done but in the end I received this e-mail. To:email Thu, Mar 23 at 10:30 AM Mr. Kolodny, I wanted to reach out to you regarding your previous email about the overgrown tree – below is information from our Public Works Director – please let me know if you would like to discuss in further detail. Thank you, David

Interim City Manager

City of Palos Verdes Estates, California

Good Morning David,

The leaves and peppercorns that fall to the ground are typical for pepper trees and are not a safety concern, so this tree is not on the list of tree trimming for this fiscal year or next fiscal year. If the resident would like to hire a contractor at their own cost to perform maintenance trimming, they can coordinate with Carl to pull a No fee tree trimming permit. More aggressive trimming requires an application to the Parklands Committee.

Thank you,

Anastasia Seims, P.E.

Public Works Director

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I thought that was ridiculous because the city was clearly trimming other trees around here that were not a safety issue. I have not heard anything from the City since. I have lived in PVE since the 1970's and in this home since 1977. This tree has already caused me property damage. We used to have Persian rug in the front hallway that became wet and rotted because the drains were plugged up. That Persian rug was a gift from a friend of mine who had been stationed in the United States Army in Iran in the early 70's. It was beautiful and valuable. The city owns that tree and it has caused me harm. I never asked for any money from the city for the damage. I have spoken to Carl Moritz, the City Arborist and he has told me that the tree is not a native and he considers it to be a "junk tree" or something like that.

I have done my best to prevent floods under that door. I had a plumber dig down to the pipe years ago and put in a clean out. I try to keep ahead of the leaves and the debris. But I will be 80 soon and I have a very bad knee. It is not so easy for me anymore to keep ahead of this. I really believe that it

would be best if the city of PVE cut the tree down. They are expecting a rainy winter and I do not want more damage to my property.

Thank you, Steven kolodny









