

# Advanced Tree Care

965 East San Carlos Ave, San Carlos

1341 Drake Ave, Burlingame

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Warren Lu  
1341 Drake Ave  
Burlingame, CA 94010

Site: 1341 Drake Ave., Burlingame

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CITY OF BURLINGAME  
CDD-PLANNING DIVISION

Dear Warren,

At your request I visited the above site for the purpose of inspecting and commenting on the regulated trees around the property. A new home and ADU are planned for the property, prompting the need for this tree protection report.

## Method:

The City of Burlingame protects all street trees and Private Protected trees whereby a Private Protected tree is a tree with a trunk circumference of 48" or more measured at 54" above ground. Burlingame requests that the tree protection plan contains all trees with a trunk diameter greater than 12 inches be included, this also includes trees on neighboring properties within 8 feet of the property line that may also be impacted by construction.

The location of the protected trees on this site can be found on the plan provided by you. Each tree is given an identification number. The trees are measured at 54 inches above ground level (DBH or Diameter at Breast Height). A condition rating of 1 to 100 is assigned to each tree representing form and vitality on the following scale:

1 to 29	Very Poor
30 to 49	Poor
50 to 69	Fair
70 to 89	Good
90 to 100	Excellent

The height and spread of each tree is estimated. A Comments section is provided for any significant observations affecting the condition rating of the tree.

A Summary and Tree Protection Plan are at the end of the survey providing recommendations for maintaining the health and condition of the trees during and after construction.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely



Robert Weatherill  
Certified Arborist WE 1936A

## Tree Survey

Tree#	Species	DBH	Ht/Sp	Con Rating	Comments
1	Sweet gum <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	16.4"	40/20	65	Good health and condition, Street Tree, <b>Regulated</b>
2	Deodar cedar <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	25.0"	50/40	70	Good health and condition <b>Regulated</b>
3	Deodar cedar <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	36"est	50/50	70	Good health and condition, neighbor's tree, <b>Regulated</b>
4	Coast live oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	23.9"	20/40	30	Fair health, poor condition, topped at 20', <b>Regulated</b>
5	Coast live oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	36"est	40/40	50	Fair health, poor condition, topped for utilities, <b>Regulated</b>
6	Coastal redwood <i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	30.5"	50/25	60	Good health, fair condition, pruned by utilities, <b>Regulated</b>
7	Plum <i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	20.1"	25/20	50	Fair health and condition, topped fruit tree, <b>Regulated</b>
8	Almond <i>Prunus dulcis</i>	13.5"	12/15	50	Fair health and condition, fruit tree <b>Not Regulated</b>

## Summary:

Photos of the trees can be found at the end of the report

Tree # 1 is a sweet gum in good health and condition. The tree is a Street Tree that should be protected during construction.

Tree # 2 is a Private Protected deodar cedar in good health and condition that should be protected during construction.

Tree # 3 is a Private Protected deodar cedar on the neighbor's property, in good health and condition that should be protected during construction.

Tree # 4 is a Private Protected coast live oak on the neighbor's property. The tree has been topped at 20 feet and is in poor condition. The tree should be protected during construction.

Tree # 5 is a Private Protected coast live oak on the neighbor's property. The tree has been pruned to accommodate the utility lines that run in the easement behind the property. The tree should be protected during construction.

Tree # 6 is a Private Protected redwood on this property. The tree has been pruned to accommodate the utility lines that run in the easement behind the property. The tree has been requested for removal since it is in the location of the proposed ADU.

Tree # 7 is a Private Protected fruit tree in fair health and condition. The tree has been topped. The tree has been requested for removal.

Tree # 8 is a non Regulated fruit tree that can be removed if desired.

## **Tree Protection Plan**

1. The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) should be defined with protective fencing. This should be cyclone or chain link fencing on 1½” or 2” posts driven at least 2 feet in to the ground standing at least 6 feet tall. Normally a TPZ is defined by the dripline of the tree. I recommend the TPZ’s as follows:-

**Tree # 1:** TPZ should be at 13 feet radius from the trunk, shown as a thin red line. This can be reduced to edge of sidewalk and curb in accordance with Type II Tree Protection as outlined and illustrated in image 2.15-3 <sup>(6)</sup> . Shown as a thick red line.

A new sidewalk is proposed which will involve demolition of existing sidewalk and curb and gutter. Arborist should be present at pre-construction meeting with Public Works.



**IMAGE 2.15-3**  
Tree Protection within a Planter Strip

### **• Type II Tree Protection**

For trees situated within a **narrow planting strip**, only the planting strip shall be enclosed with the required chain link protective fencing in order to keep the sidewalk and street open for public use.(see Image 2.15-3)

**Tree # 2:** TPZ should be at 20 feet radius from the trunk in accordance with Type I Tree Protection as outlined and illustrated in image 2.15- 1 and 2 <sup>(6)</sup> . Shown as a thin red line. This can be reduced to edge of demolition and edge of construction. Shown as a thick red line.

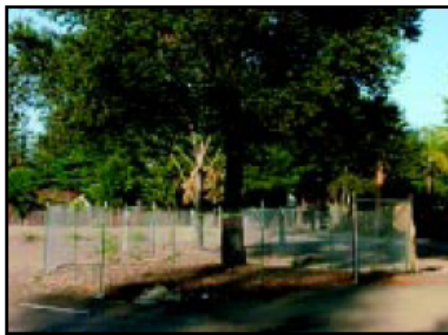
Demolition of the existing house within the TPZ should be done with hand tools only.

Excavation for the foundation of the new home should be done with hand tools. No roots greater than 2” in diameter should be cut.

Excavation for the pathway to the front door should be done with hand tools only. No roots greater than 2” in diameter should be cut.



**IMAGE 2.15-1**  
Tree Protection Fence at the Dripline



**IMAGE 2.15-2**  
Tree Protection Fence at the Dripline

## • Type I Tree Protection

The fences shall enclose the entire area under the **canopy dripline or TPZ** of the tree(s) to be saved throughout the life of the project, or until final improvement work within the area is required, typically near the end of the project (see *Images 2.15-1 and 2.15-2*). Parking Areas: If the fencing must be located on paving or sidewalk that will not be demolished, the posts may be supported by an appropriate grade level concrete base.

**Tree # 3:** TPZ should be at 30 feet radius from the trunk. Shown as a thin red line. Fencing is not practical here since it would block access up the existing/proposed driveway. The tree stands on the neighbor's property behind permanent fencing. No tree protection is needed.

Excavation for the proposed driveway should be done with hand tools only within the TPZ. No roots greater than 2" in diameter should be cut.

Permeable pavers will be used for the new driveway. I suspect minimal compaction is needed since the new driveway is in the same location as the existing. Compaction should be kept to a minimum. This can be achieved by laying a biaxial geogrid beneath the pavers to achieve sub base stability if needed.

**Tree # 4:** TPZ should be at 20 feet radius from the trunk. Shown as a thin red line. Fencing is not practical here since it would block access up the existing/proposed driveway. The tree stands on the neighbor's property behind permanent fencing. No tree protection is needed.

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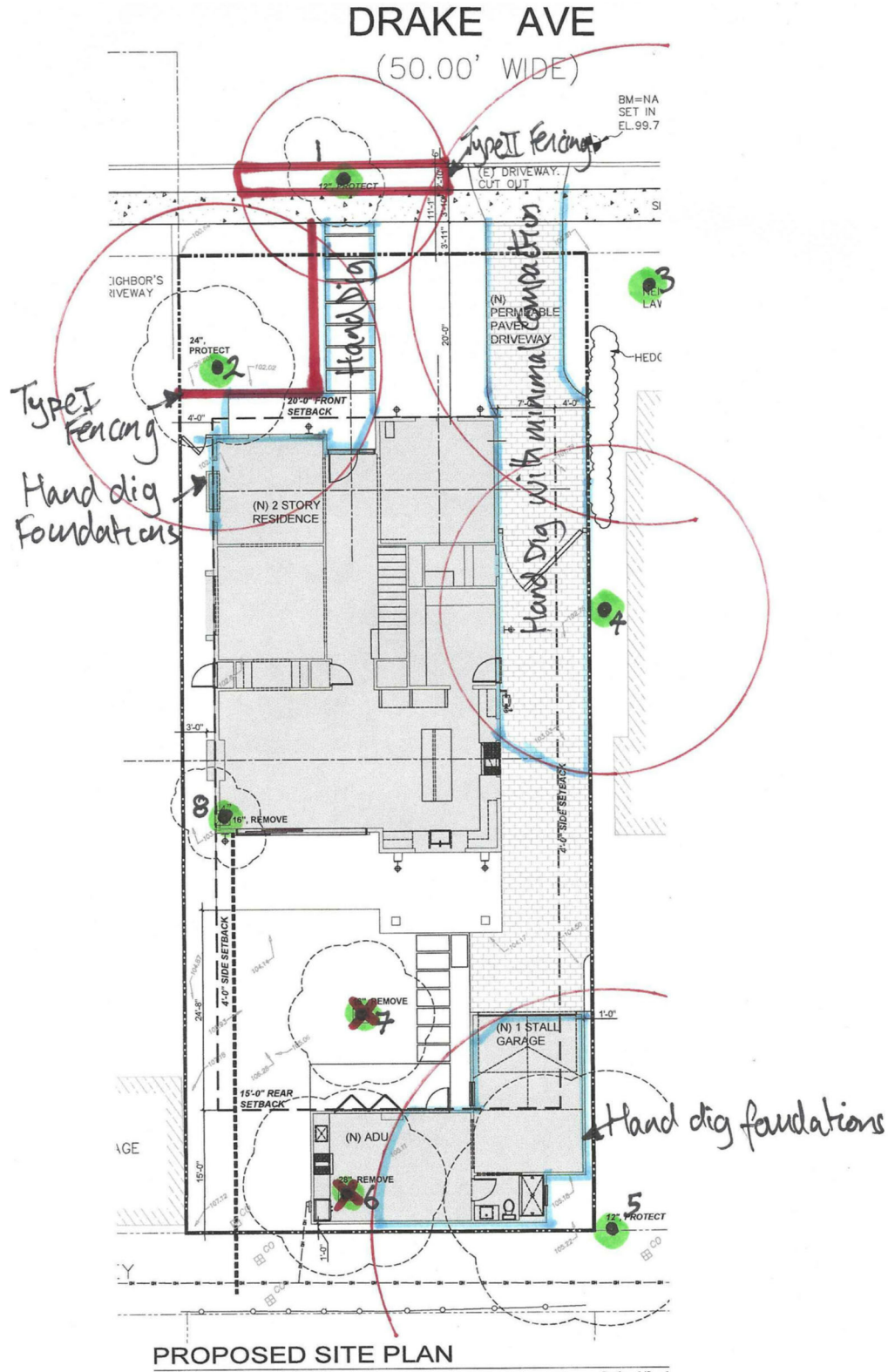


**Tree # 5:** TPZ should be at 30 feet radius from the trunk. Shown as a thin red line. Fencing is not practical here since it would block access to the proposed garage and ADU. The tree stands on the neighbor's property behind permanent fencing. No tree protection is needed.

Excavation for the proposed garage and ADU foundations should be done with hand tools only within the TPZ. No roots greater than 2" in diameter should be cut.

2. Any pruning and maintenance of the tree shall be carried out before construction begins. This should allow for any clearance requirements for both the new structure and any construction machinery. This will eliminate the possibility of damage during construction. **The pruning should be carried out by an arborist, not by construction personnel.** No limbs greater than 4" in diameter shall be removed.
3. Any excavation in ground where there is a potential to damage roots of 1" or more in diameter should be carefully hand dug. Where possible, roots should be dug around rather than cut.<sup>(2)</sup>
4. If roots are broken, every effort should be made to remove the damaged area and cut it back to its closest lateral root. A clean cut should be made with a saw or pruners. This will prevent any infection from damaged roots spreading throughout the root system and into the tree.<sup>(2)</sup>
5. **Do Not:**<sup>(4)</sup>
  - a. Allow run off or spillage of damaging materials into the area below any tree canopy.
  - b. Store materials, stockpile soil, park or drive vehicles within the TPZ of the tree.
  - c. Cut, break, skin or bruise roots, branches or trunk without first obtaining permission from the city arborist.
  - d. Allow fires under any adjacent trees.
  - e. Discharge exhaust into foliage.
  - f. Secure cable, chain or rope to trees or shrubs.
  - g. Apply soil sterilants under pavement near existing trees.
6. Where roots are exposed, they should be kept covered with the native soil or four layers of wetted, untreated burlap. Roots will dry out and die if left exposed to the air for too long.<sup>(4)</sup>
7. Route pipes into alternate locations to avoid conflict with roots.<sup>(4)</sup>
8. Where it is not possible to reroute pipes or trenches, the contractor is to bore beneath the dripline of the tree. The boring shall take place no less than 3 feet below the surface of the soil in order to avoid encountering "feeder" roots.<sup>(4)</sup>
9. Compaction of the soil within the dripline shall be kept to a minimum.<sup>(2)</sup> If access is required to go through the TPZ of a protected tree, the area within the TPZ should be protected from compaction either with steel plates or with 4" of wood chip overlaid with plywood.
10. Any damage due to construction activities shall be reported to the project arborist or city arborist within 6 hours so that remedial action can be taken.

11. Ensure upon completion of the project that the original ground level is restored



Location of proposed new home and ADU, protected trees and their Tree Protection Zones,

## **Glossary**

<b>Canopy</b>	The part of the crown composed of leaves and small twigs. <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Cavities</b>	An open wound, characterized by the presence of extensive decay and resulting in a hollow. <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Decay</b>	Process of degradation of woody tissues by fungi and bacteria through the decomposition of cellulose and lignin <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Dripline</b>	The width of the crown as measured by the lateral extent of the foliage. <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Genus</b>	A classification of plants showing similar characteristics.
<b>Root plate</b>	The point at which the trunk flares out at the base of the tree to become the root system.
<b>Species</b>	A Classification that identifies a particular plant.
<b>Standard height</b>	Height at which the girth of the tree is measured. Typically 4 1/2 feet above ground level

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## *Certification of Performance<sup>(3)</sup>*

I, Robert Weatherill certify:

- \* That I have personally inspected the tree(s) and/or the property referred to in this report, and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation and appraisal is stated in the attached report and the Terms and Conditions;
- \* That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;
- \* That the analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own, and are based on current scientific procedures and facts;
- \* That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party, nor upon the results of the assessment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any subsequent events;
- \* That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted Arboricultural practices;
- \* That no one provided significant professional assistance to the consultant, except as indicated within the report.

I further certify that I am a member of the International Society of Arboriculture and a Certified Arborist. I have been involved in the practice of arboriculture and the care and study of trees for over 20 years.

*Signed*



Robert Weatherill  
Certified Arborist WE 1936a  
Date: 2/20/25

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## Photos of Trees





Tree # 1



Tree # 2





Tree # 3





Tree # 4





Tree # 5





Tree #s 6 and 7





Tree # 8