



ARBOR SERVICES REPORT

To: Development Services Department

Date: October 21, 2015

Re: City of Edgewater – Historic Tree Assessment
2813 Victory Palm Drive

Project No. : ZC 15197

INTRODUCTION

Zev Cohen and Associates, Inc.(ZCA), Arbor Services was retained by the City of Edgewater to provide confirmation of species identification and a Historic Tree confirmation for an oak tree that was requested to be removed by the owner.

The subject tree is located at 2813 Victory Palm Drive , as depicted on the attached Plot Plan that the home owner provided to the City.

The City of Edgewater defines a Historic Tree in Section 21-55.05 as follows:

21-55.05 - Historic Trees

Historic trees shall only be removed upon approval of a Tree Removal Permit granted by the City Council. **Historic trees are those listed in Section 21-55.06 that reach 36-inches DBH with the exception of the Laurel Oak. [Emphasis added]**

21-55.06 - Specimen Trees

...The following trees are designated as Specimen Trees.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Inches (DBH)
Elm	Ulmus spp.	12 plus
Hickory	Carya spp.	12 plus
Loblolly Bay	Gordonia lasianthus	12 plus
Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	12 plus
Maple	Acer spp.	12 plus
Other Oak Species	Quercus spp.	12 plus
Red Bay	Persea borbonia	12 plus
Red Cedar	Juniperus silicicola	12 plus
Swamp Bay	Persea palustris	12 plus
Sweet Bay	Magnolia virginiana	12 plus
Sweet Gum	Liquidambar styraciflua	12 plus
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	12 plus

Common Name	Botanical Name	Inches (DBH)
Turkey Oak	Quercus laevis	12 plus
Cypress	Taxodium spp.	12 Plus
Sugarberry/Hackberry	Celtis laevigata	12 Plus
Slash Pine	Pinus elliottii	18 Plus
Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	18 Plus

OBSERVATIONS

The property was visited on October 21, 2015. **The subject tree was confirmed to be a live oak (*Quercus virginiana*) with a DBH of 47.43” and therefore classified as a Historic Tree.** The identification was easily made as the tree exhibits characteristic live oak habits and morphology. The leaves are leathery in texture, dark green above and pale green/ grey tomentose below.

The subject tree is located near the dwelling on the southwest corner and overhangs a portion of the residence. The subject tree appeared to be in fair health. The trunk is bifurcated just above breast height and both resulting codominant stems are also bifurcated, all displaying distinct bark ridges that appear to show weakness in the overall stability of the tree. In addition, storm damage and poor trimming are apparent and the resulting lateral branching is unfavorable.

CONCLUSION

The subject tree was confirmed to be a Historic Tree according to Edgewater’s LDC, as it is greater than 36” DBH and is a live oak.

The tree appeared fairly healthy overall, despite numerous structural flaws.

Cautionary Note: Despite the current appearance of the tree, trees are living things and are subject to an array of potential health problems, biotic factors such as disease and abiotic factors such as unpredictable weather including tropical storms and micro burst thunderstorms. Any of these factors can ultimately cause even a healthy tree to fail.

Information in this report is for consideration and determinations are based solely on professional experience, formal education, methodologies of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and identification resources used in common professional practice in the field of botany and arboriculture in the state of Florida.

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Enclosures

DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 : 47.43” DBH Trunk of subject tree showing is bifurcated with bark ridge

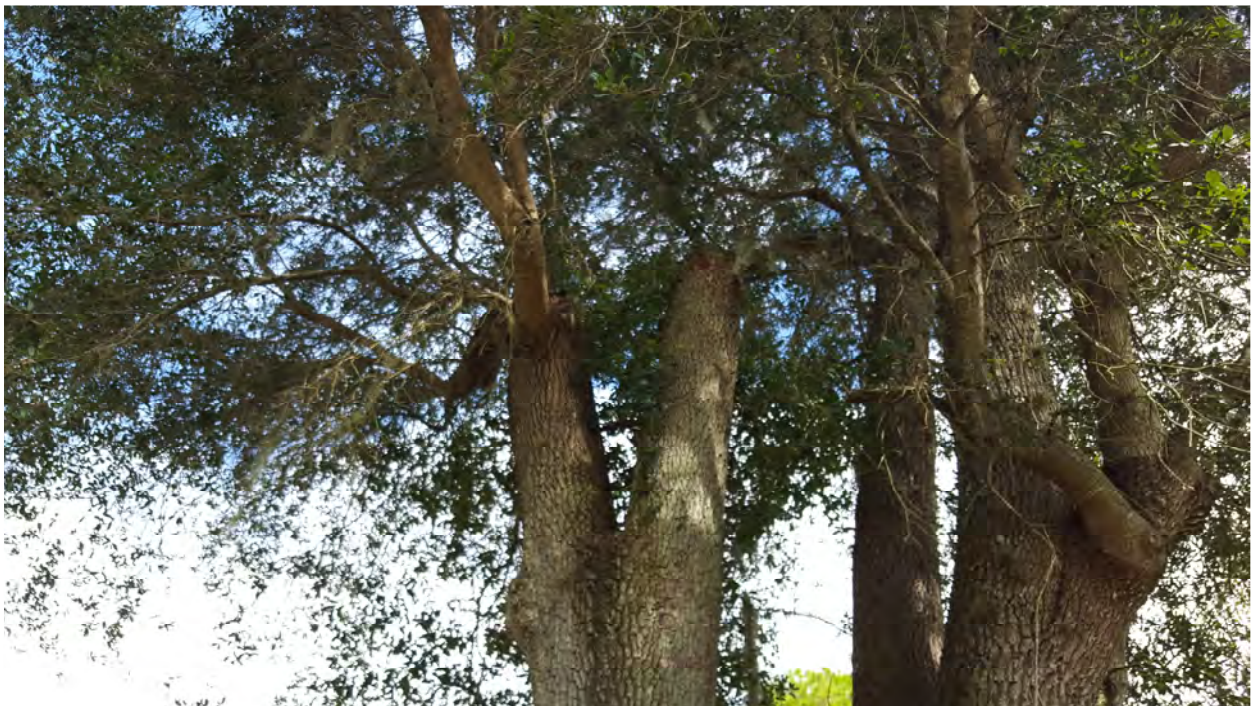


Figure 2 : Codominant stems of subject tree showing bifurcation with bark ridges. Storm damage and poor trimming are apparent and the resulting lateral branching is unfavorable



Figure 3 : Subject residential property showing storm damage resulting from falling limb.



Figure 4 : Trunk of subject tree observed has poorly trimmed codominant stem.

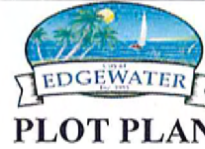


Figure 5 : Overview of tree showing has poor lateral branching.

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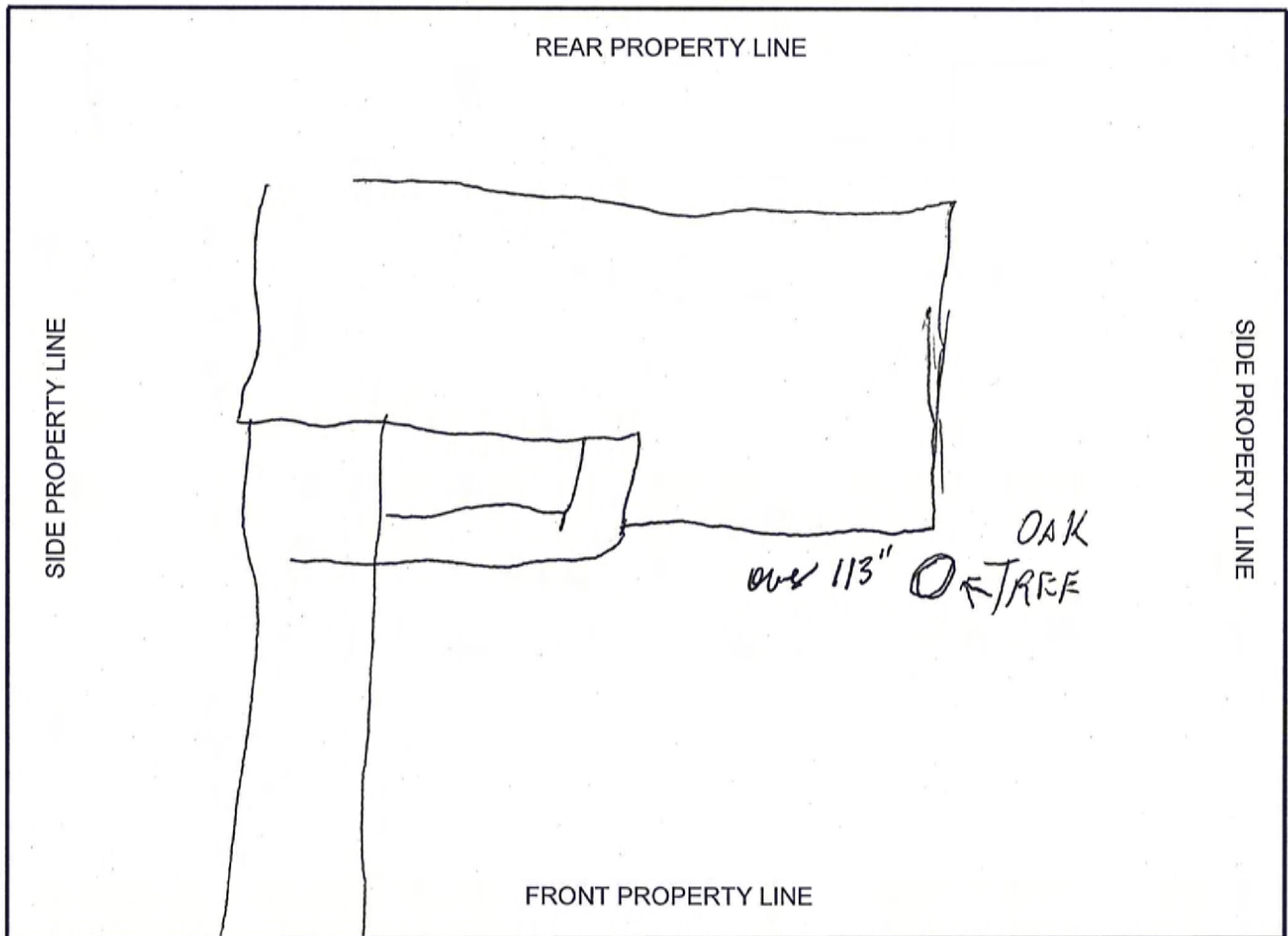
THIS FORM IS INTENDED FOR THE USE WITH MINOR PERMIT ITEMS. DEPENDING ON THE WORK PROPOSED AN ACTUAL SURVEY MAY BE REQUIRED.

SHOW THE LOCATIONS OF ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES. PROVIDE SETBACK DISTANCES IN FEET AND INCHES FROM ALL PROPERTY LINES AND EXISTING STRUCTURES.

FOR TREE REMOVAL APPLICATIONS SHOW THE LOCATION THE PROPOSED TREES TO BE REMOVED.

FOR DRIVEWAY AND USE PERMIT ITEMS. SHOW THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK WITH DIMENSIONING AND DISTANCES TO PROPERTY LINES.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2813 Victory Palm Dr.



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