



AGENDA
ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

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- 1. Establish Quorum**
- 2. Disposition of Minutes**
 - April 11, 2024
- 3. Updates**
 - Environment & Sustainability Commission
 - Arboretum
 - Legislative
- 4. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land**
 - Tree Permit Request - 60 Columbia
 - Tree Permit Request - 32 W. Carpenter
 - Tree Permit Request - 131 W. State
- 5. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues**
- 6. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy**
- 7. New Business**

- Tree planting
- Videos

8. Old Business

9. Announcements & Other Business

10. Adjournment

The City of Athens supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requests for reasonable accommodation may be made with the ADA Coordinator in the City Building or by calling 592-3367.

**City of Athens
Tree Permit**

Permit No. TP23-000006

Date: 08/24/2023

Property Owner/Contractor: Jen Bowman

Phone No. 740-591-0031

Mailing Address: 60 Columbia Ave Athens, OH 45701

Property Owner/Contractor hereby makes application for a permit to: plant / prune / remove /
have evaluated the following:

Type of Tree White Pine

Location: alley way behind our house

Additional Comments: Neighbor is concerned about the tree falling onto their house. There is an electric line that will need to be disabled prior to removal of the second tree.

Located on ROW: ✓ No Matt Kenney 8/24/23
Yes No Code Officer Date

Tree Commission Recommendation: _____

Tree Commission Member _____

Date _____

Priority Ranking: E 1 2 3 4 (see attached for explanation)

It is understood and agreed that if this application is granted the property owner/contractor is to have the work done in a workmanlike manner and to remove from the street the debris and dirt and to replace the paving and lawn and leave them coincident with the surrounding landscape. It is further agreed the applicant assumes all responsibility related to any injuries or damages arising from the removal or trimming of said tree(s) as well, any damage to nearby and abutting property. It is further agreed to comply with all the provisions of all ordinances of said City in relation hereto.

Work to be performed by: _____

Approved by: _____

Service-Safety Director _____

Date _____

Action taken: _____

*****REMEMBER TO CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 1-800-362-2764*****

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City of Athens
Tree Permit

Permit No. TP24-000003 Date: 3/25/24
Susan Righi, for
Property Owner/Contractor: Mount Zion Black Cultural Center Phone No. 740.707.1348
Mailing Address: 32 W. Carpenter St. Athens
P.O. Box 548 Athens, OH 45701
Property Owner/Contractor hereby makes application for a permit to: plant / prune / remove /
have evaluated the following:
Type of Tree Bradford Pear
Location: ROW N. Congress side of 32 W. Carpenter St

Additional Comments: Tree is damaged; Ann Bonner agreed it
is too large for this space. When basement stairs
are rebuilt tree will be removed - when money is raised.

Located on ROW: ☒ Yes ☐ No Code Officer B. L. M. H. Date 3-27-24

Tree Commission Recommendation: _____

Tree Commission Member _____ Date _____

Priority Ranking: E 1 2 3 4 (see attached for explanation)

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Service-Safety Director _____ Date _____

Action taken: _____

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Tree Permit

Permit No. TP24-000004

Date: April 9, 2024

Property Owner/Contractor: John Valentour

Phone No. 740 541 3615

Mailing Address: 131 West State Street Athens Ohio 45161

Property Owner/Contractor hereby makes application for a permit to: plant / prune / remove /
have evaluated the following:

Type of Tree GAK

Location: In the sidewalk at 80 North Court Street.

Additional Comments: The tree roots have damaged the
sewer line from the building to the city line.
Frequent backups are occurring in the building

Located on ROW: ✓ No Code Officer Date
Yes No Code Officer Date

Tree Commission Recommendation: _____

Tree Commission Member _____ Date _____

Priority Ranking: E 1 2 3 4 (see attached for explanation)

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WEST WASHINGTONVILLE, LLC

PO BOX 23
ATHENS, OHIO 45701
(740) 592-5615

April 9, 2024

Shade Tree Commission
City of Athens
8 E. Washington St.
Athens, OH 45701

Re: 80 North Court Street

Members of the Commission,

Our property has experienced problems with the sewer line to the city main for some time. Since December 9, 2020, the commercial space, on the first floor, has had a minimum of six sewage backups.

During the initial events in 2020-2021, we were able to handle the problem with our maintenance crew by purchasing a snake, dehumidifier, and cleaning supplies. In 2022-2023, city workers went several times to the outside mainline and were able to clear the roots from the sewer line.

In December 2023, the city was unable to clear the line. We hired Precision Plumbing to send a camera down to see what the issue was and discovered several more tree roots growing into the line. The plumber was able to clear the line and we again sent our maintenance crew into the tenant space for clean-up of the bathrooms and hallway carpets.

On March 31, 2024, the line again backed up into the commercial space. Again, we notified the city of the issue. This time we sent S & J Plumbing to clear the drain. The number of tree roots have more than doubled since December 2023. This time, the sewage and wastewater flooded all the way into the sales area of the Smoke Zone. We hired Carpet One Floor & Moore Restoration Cleaners to sanitize the area.

Our financial cost in the last four months, without the calculations of our staff's time, have cost approximately \$984.94 for the plumbers and cleaners. I'm not sure what the expense has been for our tenants.

In the most recent events, the plumbers have stated that the tree in front the of building is almost directly over the sewer line. The tree is confined by the proximity to our building and the location of utilities. To keep our building functional and uphold our tenant's lease agreement and interests, we are requesting that the city remove the tree. We are assuming the actual removal and cost would be managed by the city.

Respectfully,



John Valentour, Property Owner

What is the City right-of-way?

The City maintains a right-of-way, which is City property, to contain roadways, curbs, sidewalks, utilities, graded areas and shade trees. Typically, the right-of-way is 50-60 feet wide. [21.05.07] Trees in the right-of-way are the property of the City. You can also check the [Athens County Auditor website](#) for the location of the City right-of-way or City-owned property. You may also contact the City of Athens Code Office for right-of-way information at 740.592.3306.

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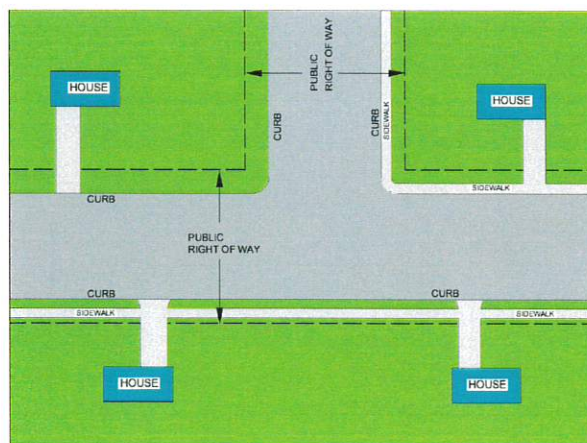
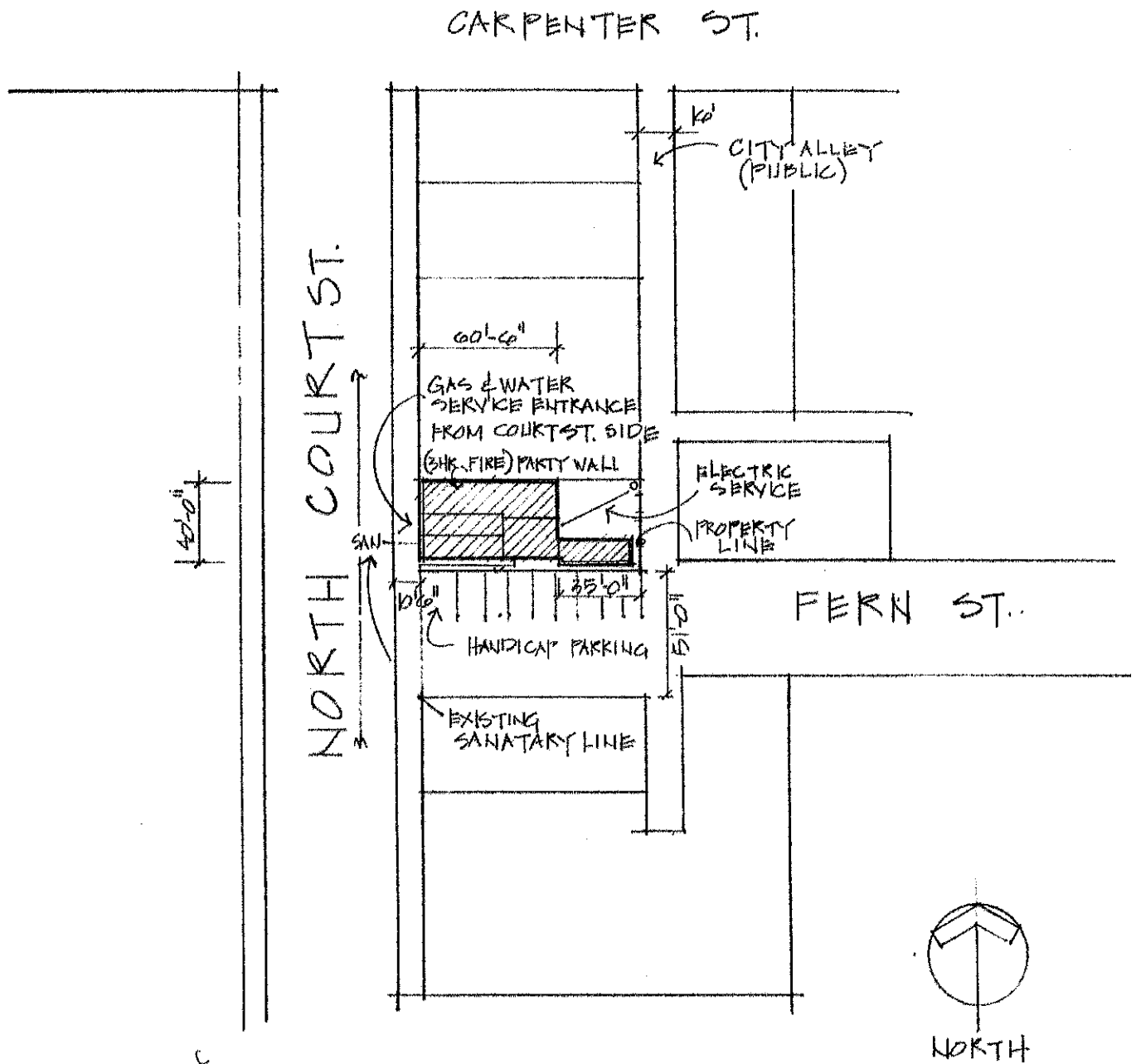


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1" = 10'-0"

