



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

## Public Works Department

Municipal Operations Division

### Tree Removal or Reforestation Application

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1 Jacaranda

Quantity and species, if known, of tree(s).

In front of 1900 Highland Dr, Newport Beach CA

Location of tree(s)

Please be as specific as possible

#### Requestor

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Property Owner        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Community Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other _____           |

Address/ Phone (Daytime) / Email

1900 Highland Dr, JNTAUR@YAHOO.COM

Signature:

[Signature]

Date:

2/23/2026

Print Name:

Joyce Taur

### REFORESTATION REQUESTS: Please proceed to Section B.

#### Section A. For Tree Removal Requests Only

##### Removal Criteria (Check one or more)

Please provide copies of photos, bills, documents or any other related material that will verify the checked items.

- |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Proven and repeated history of <b>damaging</b> public or *private, sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities or foundations. (*Greater than \$500)                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Repeated history of significant interference</b> with street or sidewalk drainage.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Dying</b> Has no prospect of recovery.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Diseased</b> Cannot be cured by current arboricultural methods. In advanced state of decline with no prospect of recovery.                                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Hazardous</b> Defective, potential to fail, could cause damage to persons/property upon failure. Assessment by City Arborist will identify structural defects, parts likely to fail, targets-if fails, procedures and actions to abate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>Beautification Project</b> In conjunction with a City Council-approved City, commercial, neighborhood, or community association beautification program.                                                                                 |



## **Section B. For Reforestation Requests Only**

Reforestation is the concept of systematically replacing Problem or All Other Trees which are creating hardscape and/or view problems and cannot be properly trimmed, pruned or modified to alleviate the problem(s) they create, or those which have reached their full life, and are declining in health, or are simply the wrong species of tree(s) for the planted location.

### **As initiated by:**

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Property Owner        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____           |

### **Check all items applicable:**

- ☐ Tree(s) causing curb, gutter, sidewalk or underground utilities damage.
- ☐ Wrong tree species for location
- ☐ View encroachment
- ☐ Area has clearly defined contiguous boundaries that include the tree(s) proposed.
- ☐ Residential communities, neighborhoods, or business organizations who apply for reforestation must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of the property owners within the area defined.
- ☐ Areas represented by a legally established community association, may submit a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting a reforestation.
- ☐ Individual property owners must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private properties on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation site) as well as the endorsement of the appropriate homeowners' association, if applicable.

\*A request for reforestation requires a written agreement submitted to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission by the petitioning sponsor (Individual private property owner(s) or group) to pay 100% of the costs of the removal and replacement of the public tree(s) in advance of any removal activity. The actual removal and replanting will be coordinated by the Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division using the City tree maintenance contractor.

\*There shall be a minimum of a one-for-one replacement of all tree(s) removed in reforestation projects. Replacement tree(s) shall be a minimum size of 36" boxed tree and cost ranges from \$706 to \$910, unless the parkway space will not accommodate a 36" boxed tree or a tree cannot be planted due to planting restrictions contained in City Council Policy G-6.

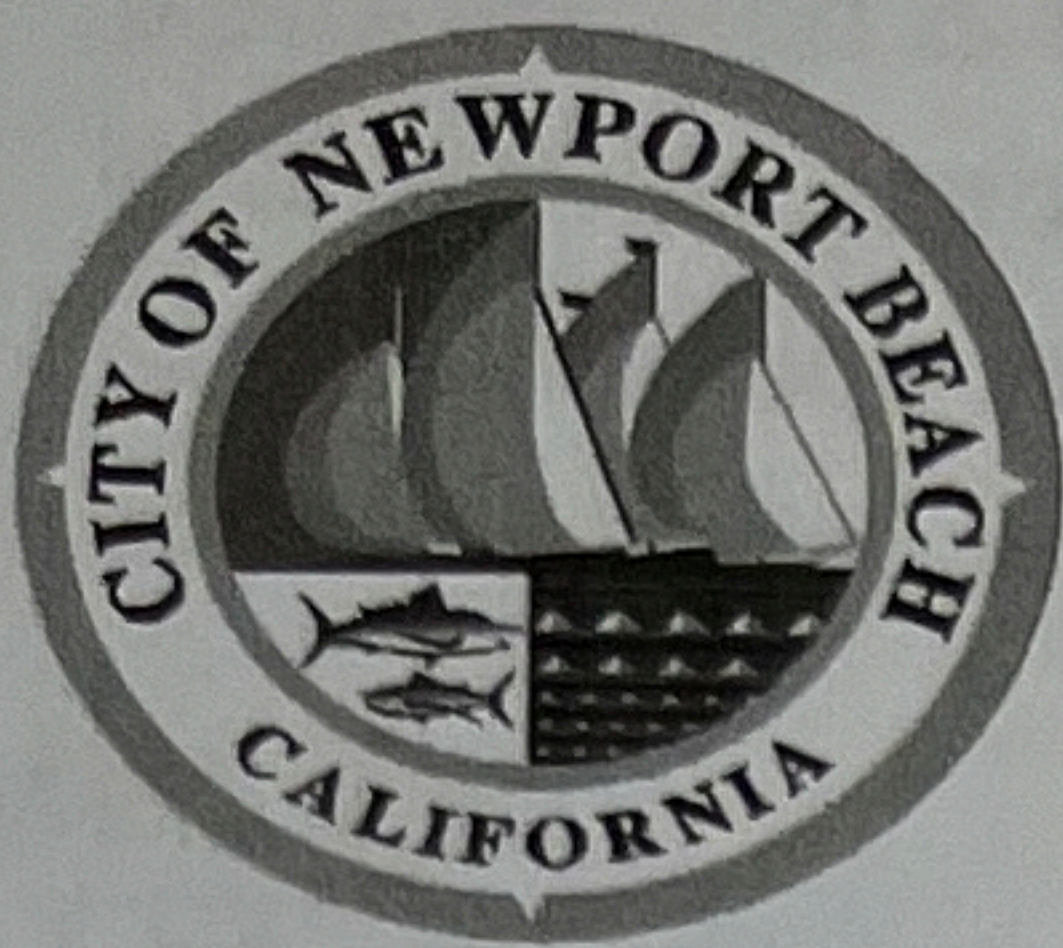
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### **REQUESTOR COMMENTS:**

The tree's roots have caused extensive cracking and damage to our driveway and floor of garage. It has also repeatedly grown into our sewer pipe which had to be removed and replaced. Due to this repeated damage I would like the tree removed and no tree replacement to avoid future damage. Other homes on our block also have no tree.

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#### Address/ Phone (Daytime) / Email

1900 Highland Dr NB  
JWTAUR@FAHCO.COM

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/27/2020

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Joyce Taur

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#### **REQUESTOR COMMENTS:**

Tree has caused repeated problems with roots damaging sewer line + water main, tree roots have cracked driveway + sidewalk, tree sap damaging my car which is parked on driveway under tree.

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# Municipal Operations Department

## TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Name:** Joyce Taur

**Location(s) of tree(s):** 1900 Highland Dr / Front 1

**Request:** The applicant, Ms. Joyce Taur (residing at 1900 Highland Dr.) contacted the City to request the removal of one (1) Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) tree located at the front of her home due to simultaneous root damage to her sewer line, water main, driveway and sidewalk. Additionally, the applicant notes tree sap damaging her car while parked in her driveway.

**Botanical/Common Names:** Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*)

**Estimated Tree Value:** \$3,260.00

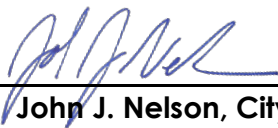
**Replacement Street Tree:** Newport Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport')

**Damage:** Sewer line, water main, driveway and sidewalk

**Parkway:** **Concrete**    **Brick**    **Turf (X)**    **Other**

**Comments:** At the time of the inspection, the Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) tree is in fair condition and does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the City Council Policy G-1.

Ms. Taur is willing to pay for the removal, and the planting of a replacement with a 36-inch box Newport Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport'), however, she is requesting that tree replacement be planted elsewhere in the City.

**Inspected by:**  \_\_\_\_\_  
John J. Nelson, City Arborist

**Date:** July 14, 2026

**Recommendation:** Staff is denying the removal request of the Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) tree and has advised Ms. Taur of the appeal process.

**Reviewed by:**  \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager

**Date:** July 14, 2026





# Municipal Operations Department

July 14, 2026

**TO:** Landscape Manager

**FROM:** City Arborist

**SUBJECT:** *Tree Removal Review*

**PROPERTY OWNER(S) / REQUESTER INFORMATION:**

**Name:** Joyce Taur

**Tree Location:** 1900 Highland Drive / Front 1

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At the time of the inspection, the Jacaranda tree was in fair condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the City Council Policy G-1. Staff denied the removal request of the Jacaranda tree and advised Ms. Taur of the appeals process.

Ms. Taur provided the required petition signatures to place this item on the agenda of the PB&R Commission. She is willing to pay for the removal, and the planting of a replacement 36-inch box Newport Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport'), however, she is requesting that tree replacement be planted elsewhere in the City.

REPLACEMENT TREE(S):  X  YES   NO

**REPLACEMENT TREE(S):** Newport Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport')

LANDSCAPE MANAGER – COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

Signature: 

Date: 7-15-2026



Detail

Notes

Images

Documents

Observations

Inventory Detail

Tree ID

985290

Old Tag #

Save

District

16

Area

16

Address

1900 HIGHLAND DR

Side/Site

Front - 1

Alt Address

Tree Species

Jacaranda mimosifolia / Jacaranda

Common Name

Jacaranda

Size

13-18

Height

15-30

DBH

Condition

FAIR

Pruning Frequency

Grow Space

Space Size

Overhead Utility

Sidewalk Damage

Note:

Irrigation Flag

Yes

No

Monitor Flag

Yes

No

Service Type

Grid Pruning

Season

NOV/DEC

Estimated Value

\$3,260.00

Next Date

07/26

985290

Map data ©2026 Google Report a map error

Latitude: 33.63383861 Longitude: -117.897163005 (edit)

| Service History |          |                                                           |      |              |              |              | New   |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Scope           | WO Ref # | Description                                               | Who  | Service Date | Invoice Date | Service      | Price |
| Completed       | 167306   | 2026 - Grid 16 (Westcliff) Broadleaves                    | GSTS | 7/01/26      |              | Grid Pruning | 69.07 |
| Invoiced        | 53173    | 2024 - Grid 16 (Broadleaves) - (May Progress)             | GSTS | 5/07/24      | 5/28/24      | Grid Pruning | 59.44 |
| Invoiced        | 45990    | 2022 - GRID 16 (Westcliff) - Broadleaves (April progress) | GSTS | 4/25/22      | 4/29/22      | Grid Pruning | 56.58 |
| Invoiced        | 40698    | 2020 - Grid 16 - Westcliff (All Trees)                    | GSTS | 5/26/20      | 5/29/20      | Grid Pruning | 53.85 |
| Invoiced        | 32821    | 2018 - Grid 16 - Westcliff (All Trees) - April Progress   | GSTS | 4/30/18      | 4/30/18      | Grid Pruning | 51.33 |
| Invoiced        | 25153    | 2016 - Grid 16 (Westcliff) - Broadlefs                    | GSTS | 5/10/16      | 5/26/16      | Grid Pruning | 49.43 |
| Invoiced        | 18302    | 2014 - West Cliff Revised                                 | GSTS | 5/06/14      | 5/31/14      | Grid Pruning | 48.00 |
| Work History    |          |                                                           | WCA  | 2/07/11      |              | Other        | 0.00  |
| Work History    |          |                                                           | WCA  | 4/24/08      |              | Other        | 0.00  |
| Work History    |          |                                                           | WCA  | 10/10/05     |              | Other        | 0.00  |
| Work History    |          |                                                           | WCA  | 1/23/02      |              | Other        | 0.00  |
| Work History    |          |                                                           | WCA  | 12/27/99     |              | Other        | 0.00  |









## **City of Newport Beach: Trees Section – Tree Info Sheet Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* ‘Newport’)**

A very popular ornamental landscape tree, the Newport Plum is a medium-sized round-headed deciduous tree with a striking presence in the landscape. The tree boasts some of the darkest purple leaves and twigs leading to attractive red shades in the fall. Opening from deep pink buds in mid-spring, masses of fragrant, single, white to pale pink flowers create a terrific floral display. The tree performs best in full sun or part shade in moist, moderately fertile, well-drained soils.

### **Description**

Has Deciduous foliage

Height: 10 to 15 feet

Spread: 10 to 15 feet

Crown uniformity:

Rounded shaped

Crown shape:

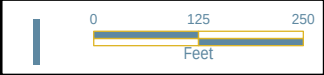
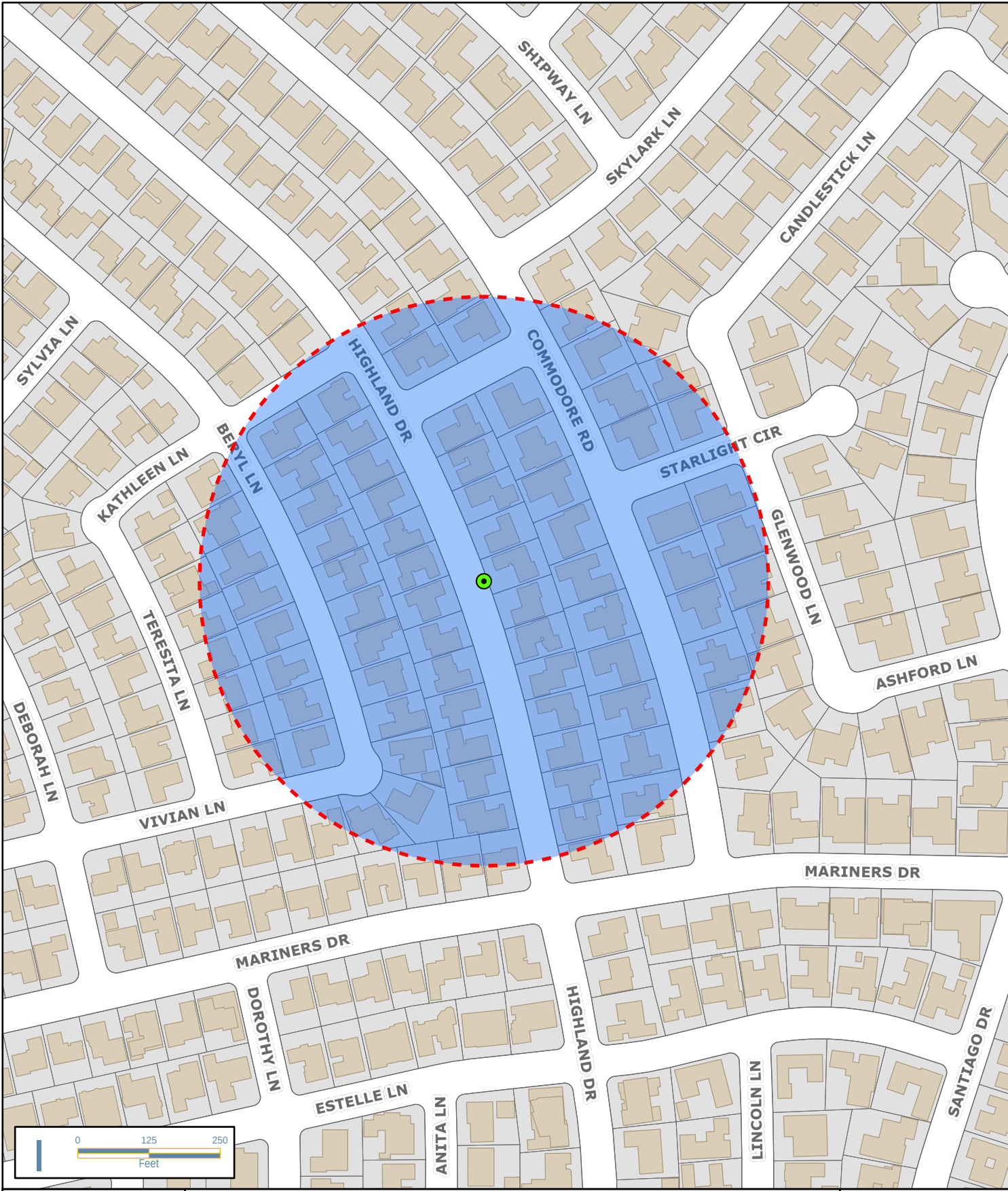
Erect or spreading with  
low canopy

Growth rate:

24-36-inch per year







# Tree Reforestation

## 1900 Highland Dr.

- Tree Location
- Properties Notified
- 500 Feet



City of Newport Beach  
GIS Division  
February 27, 2026