

Planning and Zoning Committee of the MidCoast Community Council
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re: Recommendation for expanded notification for tree removal permits

cc: Supervisor Rich Gordon
MidCoast Community Council

Jim:

On 9/20/00, the Planning and Zoning committee of the MidCoast Community Council unanimously passed the following resolution:

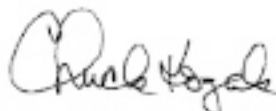
Recommend to County planning that the notification procedure for tree removal be expanded to include mailing to all property owners within a 300' radius, and that the MidCoast Community Council participate in the development of any new notification procedures.

The general acceleration of development that we are seeing on the MidCoast has generated concern (one of many) about the administrative process for removing trees throughout the community. Multiple instances have been reported to the Council about tree removal permits that passed through the approval process where members of the community have felt there has been inadequate notification. The posting of individual trees, which may be back from the street, or blocked by traffic, parked vehicles, fences, construction or other activities, appears to be inadequate. Conversation with County Planning Management resulted in the suggestion that the MCC P&Z Committee forward a suggestion about improving the notification procedure to start the process of reviewing and reworking the notification process for these permits. The proposed 300' notification radius would be same as for new project applications, and it is assumed that the same procedure that generates the mailing for those notices would be used for the tree removal permits.

Conversation with staff also indicates that tree removal permitting is already becoming a more complex task than before, often consuming as much staff time as a building application. With this in mind, along with what we feel is the need to carefully consider these applications in the light of preserving the character of our communities, this process may need to be upgraded to regular project status.

Thank you for your time and considerations regarding this issue, and we look forward to your response and in assisting any way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Kozak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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