From: Killander, Lisa

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:50 AM

To: Patrick Fulker
Cc: Mars, Keith

Subject: RE: Request to remove 20" Cottonwood tree in ROW of 13213 Villa Park Dr

Attachments: 13213 Villa Park Road risk assessment of 20 inch tree.pdf

Mr. Fulker,

Good morning. I did an on-site assessment of the now 21" diameter cottonwood in the City of Austin right of way adjacent to your property on March 15, 2021. I made note of the tree's condition as the growing season is beginning. I observed the canopy full of catkins and noted of the number and size of the broken branches within the canopy. This tree is in very good condition and assessed to be a low risk tree. My assessment worksheet is attached so that you can see how a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified arborist systematically comes to this conclusion. This system is recognized worldwide as a means to assess a tree's risk to pedestrians, vehicles and stationary structures like houses.

I measured the distance from the water meter (red box next to drive) to the trunk of the 21"diameter tree, circled in purple, as approximately 28 feet. The invoice that you provided from your contractor made no mention of the break in the pipe resulting from a tree root. I have no photos to document your claim that a root caused the break. Hence, I cannot conclude that this tree 28 feet away is the reason for the break in the pipe next to your water meter. I am sorry for the inconvenience this leak caused but the tree will not be removed based on my findings.



Lisa Killander

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From: Patrick Fulker <patrick.fulker@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:02 PM

To: Killander, Lisa <Lisa.Killander@austintexas.gov>; Mars, Keith <Keith.Mars@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Request to remove 20" Cottonwood tree in ROW of 13213 Villa Park Dr

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Lisa, I am writing because I have had to incur another costly pipe repair near the roots of these trees. This pipe issue occurred after removal of the 34" tree. I am requesting administrative approval to remove this 20" cottonwood tree located in the right of way of my property. The repeated damage of my pipes is preventing reasonable use of my property and placing an undue financial burden on me. If there is a specific form or official process for me to follow then please inform me of how to proceed with this request. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing any reasonable solutions to resolve this matter.

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