



721 28TH ST, PASO ROBLES,  
CA, 93446

Oak Tree Removal Permit/Arborist Report

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## Arborist Report

### Project Description

This project involves the evaluation of a Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*) to the rear of 721 28<sup>th</sup> St, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The subject tree shown in Exhibit A is a mature Valley Oak classified as a protected tree under the City of Paso Robles Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance (Title 10, Chapter 10.01). The subject tree has a diameter at breast height (DBH), measured at 4 feet 6 inches above grade, of approximately 38 inches, an estimated height of 42 feet, and a crown spread of approximately 33 feet.

### Critical Root Zone (CRZ)

The Critical Root Zone (CRZ) is an imaginary circular area around the tree trunk with a radius in feet equal to the tree's diameter in inches. The subject tree is located to the rear of a frequently occupied residence. The CRZ is constrained by a competing Bay Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*) standing approximately 8 feet from the subject Valley oak, identified in Exhibit B & C. The Bay Laurel is multi-stemmed, with a height of 33 feet and a DBH of approximately 34 inches and displaying vigorous canopy. This proximity creates chronic competition for soil moisture, nutrients, and rooting space. Canopy displacement and asymmetric loading is result of the competition from the Bay Laurel.

### Tree Health and Condition

The Valley Oak was observed to be in declining health during the previous summer season. Valley Oaks are deciduous trees and drop leaves during the winter months. The owner noticed the following symptoms consistent with decline: reduced canopy density and twig dieback.

The tree contains multiple large scaffold limbs ranging from approximately 10 to 18 inches in diameter exhibiting poor attachment characteristics, Exhibit D. Poor attachment unions significantly increase the likelihood of limb failure, particularly during high wind or saturated soil conditions common during winter storm events.

Two residential dwelling units with frequent occupancy are located approximately 25 to 30 feet from the subject Valley Oak. In addition, overhead utility power and communication drop lines serving the residences and neighboring properties are located within the tree's fall zone, Exhibit E.

### Tree Risk Evaluation

In my professional opinion, the risk of large scaffold limb failure within 3 years and striking utility lines, structures or people, causing moderate consequences is severe.

While removal of large scaffold limbs and supplemental support systems were considered, such measures would not adequately mitigate risk without extensive canopy reduction (Greater than 25%) requiring removal of multiple limbs greater than 6 inches in diameter would further accelerate the decline in tree health and still leave residual risk due to the

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target occupancy and utility lines. The only way to eliminate all risks is complete tree removal.

## Recommendation

It is the professional opinion of the undersigned arborist that removal of the subject Valley Oak is warranted and justified under the City of Paso Robles Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance (Title 10, Chapter 10.01) due to hazardous conditions and the tree's condition beyond correction.

Removal is recommended in the interest of public safety, protection of residential structures, and prevention of damage to utility infrastructure.

## Mitigation

Replacement mitigation will be provided in accordance with City of Paso Robles' requirements. The total replacement DBH equivalent shall be equal to 25 percent of the removed tree's DBH, resulting in a mitigation requirement equivalent to 9.5 inches of replacement oak tree caliper, subject to City approval.

Replacement trees will meet or exceed the minimum container size and species requirements established by the City.

This report is as of February 10, 2026.

*Daniel Ponti*

Daniel Ponti, Certified Arborist

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## PHOTO EXHIBITS

### EXHIBIT A- Subject Tree



Photograph showing the subject Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*) located to the rear of 721 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Paso Robles. Image illustrates overall site context, adjacent residential structures, utility lines and asymmetric canopy.

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## EXHIBIT B- Critical Root Zone Constraints



Close- range photograph of the multi-stem Bay Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*) trunk in close proximity to the Subject Tree.

## EXHIBIT C- Critical Root Zone Constraints



The large canopy from the Bay Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*) is in competition with the Subject Tree.

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## EXHIBIT D- Tree Health



Photograph shows the multiple large scaffold limbs.

## EXHIBIT E- Communication and Power Utility Lines



Photograph shows the proximity of the Subject Tree to the Utility Lines which are located well within the fall zone.