



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### October 7, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Authorize Town Manager to contract, up to \$45,000, for tree services, per the recommendations of the Town Arborist report, to prune trees in the Parkade, Peri Park, Bolinas Park and Doc Edgar Park and to remove upwards of 12 dead or dying trees in the Bolinas/Peri Park area

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize Town Manager to contract, up to \$45,000, for services to prune and/or remove trees per the recommendations of the Town Arborist report in the Parkade, Peri Park, Bolinas Park, and Doc Edgar Park.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Every three (3) years the Town Arborist updates his assessment of trees on Town properties. (exception: we do assess the trees in the Peri Park playground annually). Specifically, we requested Urban Forestry Associates (UFA) to update a previous assessment (2014, 2017) of the trees in Fairfax Parkade, Bolinas Park, Peri Park, and Doc Edgar Park in Fairfax, California. This is the first year Doc Edgar Park was included in the assessment. The purpose of the inspection was to assess the health and structure of the subject trees and to provide pruning and removal recommendations for risk mitigation. The inspections occurred between January and February 2020. A final check of the trees was made in May of 2020 to review all the trees.

Attached to the report is a spreadsheet and tree maps. The spreadsheet is a tree by tree inventory, containing tree numbers (relative to metal tags affixed to each tree), species, diameter at four and a half (4.5) feet above grade, number of stems, observations and recommendations. Work recommendations were also prioritized from one (1) to four (4). Trees with a first priority rating were highlighted in red.

The report strongly recommends the removal of upwards of 12 dead or dying trees out of a total of approximately 400 trees assessed. These trees are located in the Peri Park and Bolinas Park areas. Staff estimates the work needed to implement all the recommendations of the report will cost between \$35,000-\$45,000. Staff is in the process of getting quotes for the work.

As a courtesy, we provided a copy of the report to the Tree Committee. Tree Committee approval is not required because the tree removals are needed for public safety. Staff will place red ribbons around the trees to be removed.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The costs will be absorbed into the Public Works budget.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Arborist report with spreadsheet and maps