

**Proposed Tree Ordinance**

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1. *The residents of Upper Lighthouse Ave. recognize and appreciate the historically treasured 100 year old views that many of us have been enjoying for over fifty years.*
2. *For many years, we have been working responsibly with Pacific Grove and the city Arborist to protect these treasured views that have been enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.*
3. *We are asking the city to construct a tree ordinance that allows us to continue to protect one of Pacific Grove's most valuable natural assets.*

*Concerned Residents of Upper Lighthouse Ave. include but are not limited to:*

*John and Mrs. Mulchaey*

*Marjorie McCarthy*

*Dan and An O'Brien*

*Michael and Ranjana Clark*

*Bill and Judy Webb*

*Glenn and Eileen Smith*

Any Comprehensive Tree Ordinance Needs To Include:

- 1) *The Mayor of Pacific Grove referenced the fundamental importance of private property rights. Allow residents to control vegetation and trees on private property, provided they do not degrade views or block sunlight of neighboring properties. Consider a maximum \$100 tree replacement fee.*
  
- 2) *Any ordinance should include the recommendation of the Planning Commission "Maintain and Protect" ( and restore if necessary ) all Ocean View Corridors including those that may not have been mentioned in the early city records. Note: Occasionally tree topping will be required to achieve this objective. This needs to be clearly stated in the ordinance. This will not only protect the beautiful bay views, it will also protect property tax revenues so desperately needed by the city.*
  
- 3) *The ordinance should address the environmental concerns by allowing native trees to be planted in the public spaces provided they won't potentially obstruct ocean views or endanger homes and citizens. This mitigates any drop in the city's tree population.*

*★ This comprehensive proposal not only protects the native tree population, but it also protects the historic ocean views, the property values, the City's property tax revenues and private property rights.*

*The residents of  
Upper Lighthouse Avenue*

An overplanted ocean view corridor that has not been maintained.



Agenda Item

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