

Oak Tree Ordinance

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2 attachments (598 KB)

Damage of Ag. Buildings.pdf; ATT00001.htm;

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From: Rodney Stine [mailto:rodney@oshareview.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 12:28 PM

To: Debbie Arnold <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: jcaffee@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Supervisor Arnold:

First I want you to know that I have never considered nor would consider "clear cutting" of native oaks on our 40 acres. I left the oaks over our agricultural out-building even after they caused over \$30,000 of damage. They were only severely pruned to prevent further damage. (attached photo).

The recently emergency adopted ordinance for to prohibit "clear cutting" or removal of Native Oaks and proposed adoption of it as a long term ordinance will be an economic hardship for us. I urger you to vote against the adoption of this draconian ordinance for the following reasons:

1. The ordinance in effect re-zone our property from Agriculture to ? if we cannot economically farm the land. Re-zoning of property should be done through the re-zoning process and not by a tree protection ordinance.
2. We purchased our property because it was zone for agriculture and we planned to plant either olives or grapes to offset our property tax of over \$14,000 upon our retirement. Without income from our farm, we may be forced to sell in retirement.
3. People who have have already "clear cut" their property will have an unfair economical advantage over property owners like ourselves.
4. We bought the property based upon the promise that the county had zoned it for agriculture and the Native Oaks ordinance prohibits us from using for that purpose.

While I support the protection of old growth oak trees, our oaks are second and third growth trees as evident by the multiple trunks; most consisting of 4 or more trunks. The exception are the oaks by our agricultural out-buildings which as stated above I am keeping as mature trees. As I understand, the motivation behind the proposed ordinance was the wanton "clear cutting" of hundred of acres of oaks by the Justin Winery. I don't believe it is fair that we, small property owners, should suffer economic hardship because callous action of a billionaire.

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Again, I believe this ordinance if adopted long term or permanently will create un-due economic hardship for us and other relative small property owners who wish to farm their property as it is zoned for agriculture.

Sincerely,

Rodney M. Stine

Paso Robles, CA 93446



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