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City of Burlington  
Planning Department  
833 South Spruce St.,  
Burlington, WA 98233

**RE: Proposed Raising Cane's Restaurant - RC #C1344  
1075 S Burlington Blvd., Burlington, WA 98233**

## **Overview**

As part of the proposed development for the Raising Cane's project located at **1075 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington, WA 98233**, we have evaluated the existing tree inventory and identified several conflicts between current tree locations and the latest site layout, including required infrastructure, circulation paths, and building footprints.

The project site currently contains nine (9) existing trees, with an additional two (2) trees located immediately adjacent to the property. Of the nine (9) on-site trees, seven (7) are proposed for removal due to site improvement conflicts. The remaining two (2) on-site trees, along with the two (2) adjacent off-site trees, will be retained and protected in accordance with applicable tree preservation and construction protection standards.

## **Existing Tree Inventory**

A detailed inventory of all existing on-site and off-site trees is provided below:

### **Existing Trees On-Site (9 total)**

- One (1) *Liquidambar styraciflua* (American Sweetgum)
- Five (5) *Fraxinus americana* (American Ash)
- One (1) *Pinus contorta* (Shore Pine)
- Two (2) *Ulmus glabra 'Camperdownii'* (Camperdown Elm)

### **Existing Trees Off-Site (2 total)**

- Two (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua* (American Sweetgum)

## **Tree Removal Summary**

We are proposing the removal of a total of seven (7) existing trees on-site as detailed below:

### **Non-Significant Trees (6 total)**

These trees are not classified as “significant” per BMC 17.81.120.C-6. and do not meet the minimum diameter at breast height (DBH) threshold:

- Three (3) *Fraxinus americana* (American Ash)
- One (1) *Pinus contorta* (Shore Pine)
- Two (2) *Ulmus glabra ‘Camperdownii’* (Camperdown Elm)

These trees are in direct conflict with the proposed grading and building improvements. Due to design constraints, their preservation is not feasible and are therefore proposed for removal.

### **Significant Tree (1 total)**

This tree is classified as “significant” per BMC 17.81.120.C-6. with an approximate DBH of 12 inches.

- One (1) *Fraxinus americana* (American Ash)

This tree is in direct conflict with the proposed grading and building improvements. Due to design constraints, its preservation is not feasible and is therefore proposed for removal.

### **Replacement Plan**

In accordance with BMC 17.81.120.C-6, one significant tree removal at 6”-18” DBH requires:

Two (2) replacement trees of the following minimum standards:

- Deciduous trees: 2.5” minimum diameter
- Coniferous evergreens: 8’ minimum height

Replacement trees will be incorporated into the final landscape plan and located on site in coordination with site utilities and visibility requirements. Species and placement will align with the City of Burlington's planting guidelines.

Sincerely,



Jack Kiesel, President  
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