

November 14, 2019

Mayor Deanna Reed – Harrisonburg City Council
409 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

RE: Tree Removal at 11 Court Square

Ms. Reed,

First Presbyterian Court Square owns 11 Court Square adjacent to the church to the East. The building has been out of use for many years and we (First Presbyterian) are tearing it down and replacing it with an enclosed church courtyard. We have contracted with Eugene Stoltzfus to do our design and have also contracted with Maust Enterprises to take the building down, after asbestos has been abated. Our goal is for the new courtyard is to provide an aesthetically pleasing addition to Court Square and a functional outdoor space for the church in lieu of the existing building that isn't usable due to hazardous air and structural conditions.

The street frontage for 11 Court Square consists of approximately 38'. To the West on street frontage is a fire hydrant, then a street light, and lastly a Chinese Elm on the East of the street frontage. In order to tear the building down, we need to access the building with equipment and set a dumpster where the tree is. There is no other equipment, dump truck, or dumpster access to the building, and we need to remove the tree to complete demolition, as further clarified in the attached letter from Wendell Maust. We would be willing to replace the tree with a tree of the same caliper and species after the courtyard is constructed, by March of 2021, and have verified availability with a tree supplier.

We sent a request to the Public Tree Advisory Board (PTAB) on 9/26/19 and were denied our request on 10/7/19 by a 6-3 vote, with the main concern being the tree is paired with a tree of the same size and species to the East, close to 1 Court Square. **We request that City Council allow us to remove the tree to complete our project.** We reemphasize that we will replace the tree with the same size and species tree at our expense, after our project is completed by March 2021.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns and I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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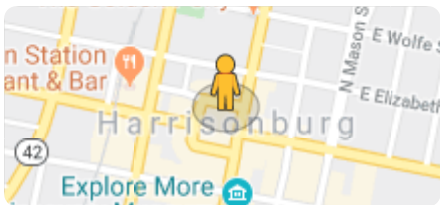


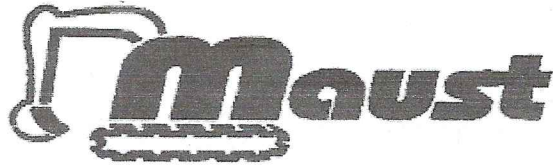
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Street View - Jun 2018





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November 12, 2019

Attention: Marshall Price

Project: City council information regarding 11 Court Square building demolition and tree removal.

1. There is no access to demo site from the rear so all work must be done from the front sidewalk area.
2. The first step of demolition is to remove the brick from the face of the building.
3. In order to do this safely:
 1. You have to see what you are doing which the tree makes it impossible to see.
 2. Also we need to position a demo trailer on the sidewalk along the wall to receive the brick when it is pulled loose; with the tree in place it would be impossible to place the trailer there or to see to do the work.
4. For all material loading, the tractor and trailer will need to be on the sidewalk parallel to front of building to load over the side of the trailer. We would be able to load the trailer without blocking two lanes of traffic.

Sincerely,

Wendell Maust