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RALEIGH HISTORIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

Project Description:

Remove dead/diseased/dangerous tree; plant replacement tree

324 Cutler St
Address

Boylan Heights
Historic District

Historic Property

COA-0159-2026
Certificate Number

10/20/2026
Date of Issue

10/20/2027
Expiration Date

This card must be kept posted in a location within public view until all phases of the described project are complete.

The work must conform with the code of the City of Raleigh and laws of the state of North Carolina.

When your project is complete, you are required to ask preservation staff for a final COA inspection. If you do not call for this final inspection, your Certificate of Appropriateness is null and void.

Signature, Collette K

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Pending the resolution of appeals, commencement of work is at your own risk.

Type or print the following:		
Applicant name: Tim Wicker		
Mailing address: 324 Cutler Street		
City: Raleigh	State: NC	Zip code: 27603
Date: 10/7/2026	Daytime phone #: [redacted]	
Email address: [redacted]		
Applicant signature: see signature below		

- ✓ Minor work (staff review) – one copy
- Major work (COA committee review) – ten copies
  - Additions > 25% of building sq. footage
  - New buildings
  - Demolition of building or structure
  - All other
- Post approval re-review of conditions of approval

Office Use Only

Transaction #:

File #: COA-0159-2026

Fee:

Amount paid:

Received date:

Received by:

Property street address:	324 Cutler Street Raleigh NC 27603
Historic district:	Boylan Heights
Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable):	
Owner name:	Tim Wicker
Owner mailing address:	324 Cutler Street Raleigh, NC 27603

For applications that require review by the COA Committee (major work), provide addressed and stamped envelopes for owners for all properties with 100 feet on all sides of the property, as well as the property owner.

Property Owner Name & Address	Property Owner Name & Address
N/A	

I understand that all major work applications that require review by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's COA Committee must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the date of the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project? Yes (No) Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes (No)	Office Use Only Type of work:

Design Guidelines - please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines (www.rhdc.org)		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed)
123/A2	Tree Removal	Large Gumball Tree inside the fenced backyard is rotten at the base and will fall. Happy to plant a replacement tree on the property.

Minor Work Approval (office use only)

Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application becomes the Minor Work Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until 10/20/2022

Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the card. Issuance of a Minor Work Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obtaining any other permit required by City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the date of approval.

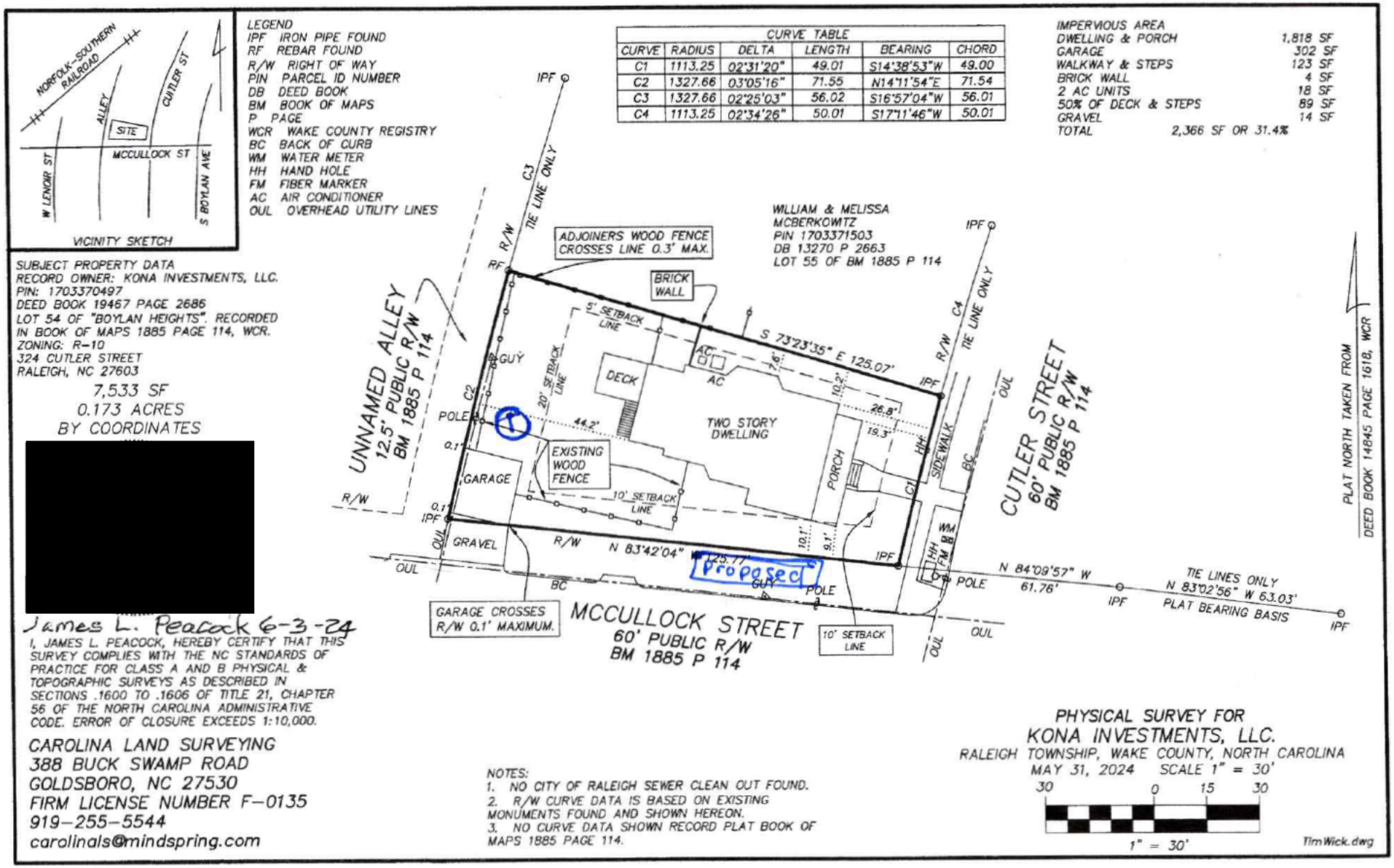
Signature (City of Raleigh) _____ Date 10/20/2022

324 Cutler Street Minor COA

Written Description:

The property owner recently discovered two large holes at the base of a gumball tree in his backyard. The connecting holes are more than a foot deep indication that about 50% of the base of the tree has rotted away. Both a landscaper and a tree professional have advised to remove the tree. The rotten base will cause the tree to fall which will damage the home, garage and fence.

The property has a perfect spot for a new tree on McCullock Street between the driveway and the corner of Cutler. The replacement tree will be an Acer Floridanum (Southern Sugar Maple).



(T) = Location Existing Damaged Tree

[ ] = Propose location of New Tree(s)

October 7th,2026

Ortega Tree and Land Clearing LLC
108 E. Judd St. Zebulon, NC 27597
(919)-752-7014

To: City of Raleigh, North Carolina
Subject: Arborist Assessment and Tree Removal Recommendation Letter
Property Address: 324 Cutler Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27603
Homeowner: Tim Wicker

Dear City of Raleigh,

I am writing on behalf of Ortega Tree and Land Clearing LLC regarding the tree(s) located at the address referenced above. On October 7th,2026, Jonatan Reyes performed an on-site visual assessment of the subject tree.

- **Health and Vitality:** The tree is completely rotten at the base of the tree and will fall, if not removed anytime soon.
- **Target/Hazard Assessment:** The tree is located within striking distance of nearby cables, the house, and a small shed, a fence, and cars, creating a high risk of property damage or personal injury should failure occur.

Based on my professional training and observations, it is my recommendation that the tree be approved for removal. Leaving the tree unmanaged presents an unacceptable safety risk to the surrounding area.

Please contact me directly at (919)-752-7014 or @ortegatreeandland.com if you require additional information, wish to schedule a site visit, or need clarification on these findings.

Sincerely,

Emely Galvez Rodriguez
(Admin)
Office: (919) 752-7014
Ortega Tree & Land Clearing LLC





ANY TIME

Acer floridanum

Common Name(s): Florida Maple ; Hammock Maple ; Southern Sugar Maple

Previously known as: *Acer saccharum subsp. floridanum*

Phonetic Spelling
AY-ser flo-ra-DAY-num

Description
Southern sugar maple is a deciduous tree in the soapberry family (Sapindaceae) and is native to NC and much of the southeast and west to TX. It is found in rich bottomland of the Atlantic and Gulf coastal plains.

It may grow from 20 to 60 feet tall with a 25-40 foot spread and a rounded to oval crown with good density. This tree is easy to grow in full sun to partial shade in fertile acidic well-drained soils but tolerates a wide range of conditions. Drought tolerant once established but is not salt tolerant.

Southern sugar maple has shallowly lobed leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall. The limbs are strong and don't easily break in high winds. Inconspicuous, small, yellow flowers mature in spring followed by winged samaras.

Use as a specimen, shade tree, street tree or woodland garden. It is a good specimen to plant in hurricane-prone areas due to its strong limbs and smaller size.

Quick ID Hints:

- Leaves 3-5 lobed, entire
- Leaf outline a house-shape
- Leaves whitish, some pubescence below

Insects, Diseases, or Other Plant Problems: Susceptible to aphids, borers and scale. Occasionally has problems with verticillium wilt, anthracnose, cankers, leaf spot, and tar spot. Leaf scorch may be a problem in drought conditions. It has been frequently used as a street tree, but is generally intolerant of road salt, soil compaction, and pollution. See potential insect and disease problem fact sheets to the left.

The Clemson Cooperative Extension Home and Garden Information Center has a factsheet on common maple diseases and insect pests.

More information on *Acer*.

Attributes:

Genus:
Acer

Species:
floridanum

Family:
Sapindaceae

Uses (Ethnobotany):
Native Americans taught the early colonists how to tap these trees to make maple syrup which has now become a multi-billion dollar industry in the U.S. and Canada. Can be used as a bonsai and ornamental shade trees.

Life Cycle:
Woody

Recommended Propagation Strategy:
Seed

Country Or Region Of Origin:
Southeastern United States

Distribution:
AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, LA, MO, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA.

Fire Risk Rating:
low flammability

Wildlife Value:
Members of the genus Acer support Imperial Moth (Eacles imperialis) larvae which have one brood per season and appear from April-October in the south. Adult Imperial Moths do not feed. The Southern sugar maple flowers are visited by pollinators and seeds are eaten by birds and small mammals. Early spring source of nectar for bees. Nesting site for squires who also consume seeds as food source.

Play Value:
Attracts Pollinators

Edible fruit

Shade

Wildlife Cover/Habitat

Wildlife Food Source

Wildlife Nesting

Particularly Resistant To (Insects/Diseases/Other Problems):
Resistant to fire, wind and ice. White-tailed deer browse the twigs and leaves but is moderately resistant to damage.

Dimensions:
Height: 20 ft. 0 in. - 60 ft. 0 in.
Width: 25 ft. 0 in. - 40 ft. 0 in.

Whole Plant Traits:

Plant Type:
Native Plant

Tree

Woody Plant Leaf Characteristics:
Deciduous

Habit/Form:
Oval

Rounded

Growth Rate:
Medium

Maintenance:
Low

Texture:
Medium

Cultural Conditions:

Light:
Deep shade (Less than 2 hours to no direct sunlight)

Full sun (6 or more hours of direct sunlight a day)

Partial Shade (Direct sunlight only part of the day, 2-6 hours)

Soil Texture:
Clay

High Organic Matter

Loam (Silt)

Sand

Soil pH:
Acid (<6.0)

Neutral (6.0-8.0)

Soil Drainage:
Good Drainage

Moist

Occasionally Wet

Available Space To Plant:
24-60 feet

more than 60 feet

NC Region:
Coastal

Mountains

Piedmont

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone:
6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Fruit:

Fruit Color:
Brown/Copper

Green

Fruit Value To Gardener:
Edible

Display/Harvest Time:
Summer

Fruit Type:
Samara

Fruit Length:
< 1 inch

Fruit Width:
< 1 inch

Fruit Description:
Two-winged samara 3/4" long wings spreading downward at 60-70 degree angle. Matures mid to late summer; June to October in North Carolina.

Flowers:

Flower Color:
Gold/Yellow

Green

Flower Inflorescence:
Catkin

Insignificant

Flower Bloom Time:
Spring

Flower Size:
1-3 inches

Flower Description:
Small inconspicuous flowers appear in April hang from a long hanging (1 - 2") stalk in clusters of a few flowers. Regular, pentamerous in racemes, corymbs or umbels. In North Carolina, the flowers are available from April to May.

Leaves:

Woody Plant Leaf Characteristics:
Deciduous

Leaf Color:
Green

Red/Burgundy

Leaf Value To Gardener:
Showy

Deciduous Leaf Fall Color:
Gold/Yellow

Orange

Red/Burgundy

Leaf Type:
Simple

Leaf Arrangement:
Opposite

Leaf Shape:
Cordate

Orbicular

Leaf Margin:
Entire

Lobed

Hairs Present:
Yes

Leaf Length:
1-3 inches

Leaf Width:
1-3 inches

Leaf Description:
The opposite simple leaves are 1.5-3.5 inches long and wide with entire margins. They have 3-5 rounded lobes and whitish undersides that are often fuzzy with hairs. The petioles can be reddish. The fall color is spectacular in orange, red and yellows.

Bark:

Bark Color:
Light Gray

Surface/Attachment:
Patchy

Ridges

Shaggy

Smooth

Bark Plate Shape:
Irregular

Bark Description:
Light gray with thick irregular ridges, becoming plated when aged.

Stem:

Stem Color:
Brown/Copper

Red/Burgundy

Stem Is Aromatic:
No

Stem Description:
Twigs reddish-brown with vertical lenticels.

Landscape:

Landscape Location:
Woodland

Landscape Theme:
Native Garden

Nighttime Garden

Pollinator Garden

Shade Garden

Design Feature:
Shade Tree

Street Tree

Attracts:
Bees

Butterflies

Moths

Pollinators

Small Mammals

Songbirds

Resistance To Challenges:
Deer

Fire

Heat

Wind