

City of Palo Alto

Department of Planning and
Community Environment

CERTIFIED MAIL 7000 1670 0013 2020 9684

October 30, 2001

Roger and Kay Leibrand
385 El Dorado Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94306

**RE: 385 El Dorado Avenue, Palo Alto, 94306 (0108-ENC-14)
Encroachment of Shrubs into Public Right-Of-Way**

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Leibrand,

Planning Division

The City of Palo Alto received a complaint that the overgrowth of shrubs is creating a hazardous situation for vehicular traffic at the above referenced address. An inspection on August 30, 2001 verified that the complaint is valid and a Notice of Violation Form regarding the encroachment of trees, shrubs, and plants into the public right-of-way was left to abate the violation by October 1, 2001. A re-inspection of the site on October 26, 2001 verified that the violation continues to exist.

The City of Palo Alto Municipal Code establishes minimum standards for private property maintenance in Sections 9.56.030(10).

Section 9.56.030(10) states:

Nuisances described - Authority to abate. (a) Each of the following conditions constitutes a nuisance, and whenever an enforcement officer determines that any of such conditions exist upon any premises, he may require or provide for the abatement thereof pursuant to this chapter and make the costs of abatement a lien upon the property: (10) The existence of shrubs and plants more than two feet in height in any street, measured above top of curb grade contrary to the provisions of Section 8.04.050(a)(8).

The City of Palo Alto Municipal Code requires that property owners be responsible for all trees, shrubs, and other plant growth on property that they control. A copy of the Notice of Violation is enclosed with two photographs.

Please cut the shrubs in the parking strip facing Waverley Street that is encroaching into the public right-of-way to a height not exceeding two (2) feet by **November 30, 2001**. Failure to abate this violation will result in an enforcement action by the City, which will include the issuance of an **administrative citation with a penalty in the amount of \$500**. Your cooperation is encouraged.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (650) 329-2276.

Sincerely,



Christopher Fujimoto
Code Enforcement Officer

Enclosures

H:\October 2001\385 El Dorado_ENC.doc

250 Hamilton Avenue
P.O. Box 10250
Palo Alto, CA 94303
650.329.2441
650.329.2154 fax