

FORMAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE & INSPECTION REQUEST

City of Baltimore • 311 Service Request • Code Enforcement & Forestry Division

Date: August 31, 2026

To: Baltimore City 311 / Department of Housing & Community Development (Code Enforcement) / Recreation & Parks (Forestry)

Violation Location: **4249 Pascal Ave, Baltimore, MD 21226** (Corner / Facing Hazel St)

Reporting Resident: Neighbor across the street (1327 Hazel St, Baltimore, MD 21226)

SUBJECT: Urgent Request for Property Maintenance Code Enforcement & Tree Trimming (Public Right-of-Way Obstruction, Streetlight Blockage & Crime Hazard)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this formal complaint and urgent request for Baltimore City inspection, code enforcement action, and mandatory tree trimming regarding severely overgrown trees originating from the private property at **4249 Pascal Ave, Baltimore, MD 21226**.

The extensive, uncontrolled overgrowth from this property extends heavily into the public right-of-way, causing direct hazards to pedestrians, drivers, and neighborhood security:

- **Streetlight Obstruction:** Overgrown branches completely cover the municipal streetlamp, plunging the entire sidewalk, roadway, and parked vehicles into total darkness at night.
- **Public Sidewalk Blockage:** Low-hanging limbs physically block the pedestrian sidewalk, making it impossible to walk through safely and forcing residents into oncoming traffic on the roadway.
- **Surveillance & Visibility Blind Spot:** The dense canopy obstructs residential front-door and security cameras across the street, preventing any visibility or identification of criminal activity.

CRITICAL SAFETY HAZARDS & RECENT CRIMINAL INCIDENTS:

The lack of lighting created by this canopy has turned this immediate area into an active blind spot for repeated vehicle vandalism and thefts occurring primarily between **12:00 AM and 5:00 AM**. Individuals on foot, bicycles, and motorized scooters routinely use this dark corridor to test car handles and break into vehicles:

- **August 25, 2026:** Vehicle windshield intentionally smashed.
- **August 26, 2026:** Adjacent vehicle side window smashed; vehicle entered and personal property stolen.

The property owner at 4249 Pascal Ave has been notified directly by neighboring residents regarding these severe hazards but has failed to take any corrective action or maintain their trees.

REQUESTED CITY ACTION

Because these private trees encroach directly upon public infrastructure (the city streetlamp) and obstruct the public right-of-way (the sidewalk), I respectfully request that Baltimore City:

- Dispatch a Code Enforcement Inspector to cite the property owner for maintenance violations and right-of-way encroachment.
- Coordinate with the Forestry Division to trim back limbs obstructing public lighting and pedestrian paths if the owner fails to comply immediately.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the safety of our neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

Concerned Resident

1327 Hazel St, Baltimore, MD 21226