



September 24, 2019

To: Budget Committee & County Commission
From: Robert Schmidt
Subject: Tree Removal and AC Unit Replacement

The Blount County Health Department recent has had two issues arise that need to be addressed for safety concerns and to ensure that customer satisfaction remains high among our community members.

The safety concern is related to the 20 dead trees on the property and additional 5 trees that are more than 50% dead. These trees place customers and property in harm's way and the removal would elevate any assumed risk from the county. Please see the attached map below designating the trees recommended to be removed.

The customer satisfaction concern is correlated to the failure of an air conditioning unit in the building recently. The health department is a large facility and when a unit fails it places extra strain on the other remaining units. Safeguarding a proper climate controlled environment is vital to ensuring that our customers have an excellent experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Schmidt" clearly distinguishable.

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