

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, FORESTRY DIVISION
231 NORTH WHISMAN ROAD
POST OFFICE BOX 7540
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94039-7540
650-903-6273 M-F 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

(Fee \$116; each additional tree at the same site \$58)

APPLICATION FOR HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

The undersigned owner of the property at 1859 ELSIE AVE

Phone No. (Home) [REDACTED], (Work) _____

hereby applies for permission to remove Heritage tree(s) as follows:

Common Name of Tree SYCAMORE Number of Trees 1

Circumference of tree 54" above ground: I believe it's over 48"

REASON FOR REMOVAL: Check applicable box(es) below. There may be more than one reason.

Comments: Remodeling house and new parking will be impacted by tree location. The tree doesn't allow proper access to garage. We have a camper and need straight backing access.

The condition of tree with respect to age of the tree relative to the life span of that particular species, disease, infestation, general health, damage, public nuisance, danger of falling, proximity to existing or proposed structures, and interference with utility services.

The necessity of the removal of the Heritage tree in order to construct improvements and/or allow reasonable and conforming use of the property when compared to other similarly situated properties.

The nature and qualities of the tree as a Heritage tree, including its maturity, its aesthetic qualities such as its canopy, its shape and structure, its majestic stature and its visual impact on the neighborhood.

Good forestry practices such as, but not limited to, the number of healthy trees a given parcel of land will support and the planned removal of any tree nearing the end of its life cycle and the replacement of young trees to enhance the overall health of the urban forest.

BALANCING CRITERIA. In addition to the criteria referenced above which may support removal, the decision-maker shall also balance the request for removal against the following which may support or mitigate against removal:

The topography of land and effect of the requested removal on erosion, soil retention, water retention, and diversion or increased flow of surface waters.

The effect of the requested removal on the remaining number, species, size, and location of existing trees on the site and in the area.

The effect of the requested removal with regard to shade, noise buffers, protection from wind damage and air pollution, and the effect upon the historic value and scenic beauty and the health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of the area and the City as a whole.

OWNER'S PRINTED NAME SAM SZTEINBAUM

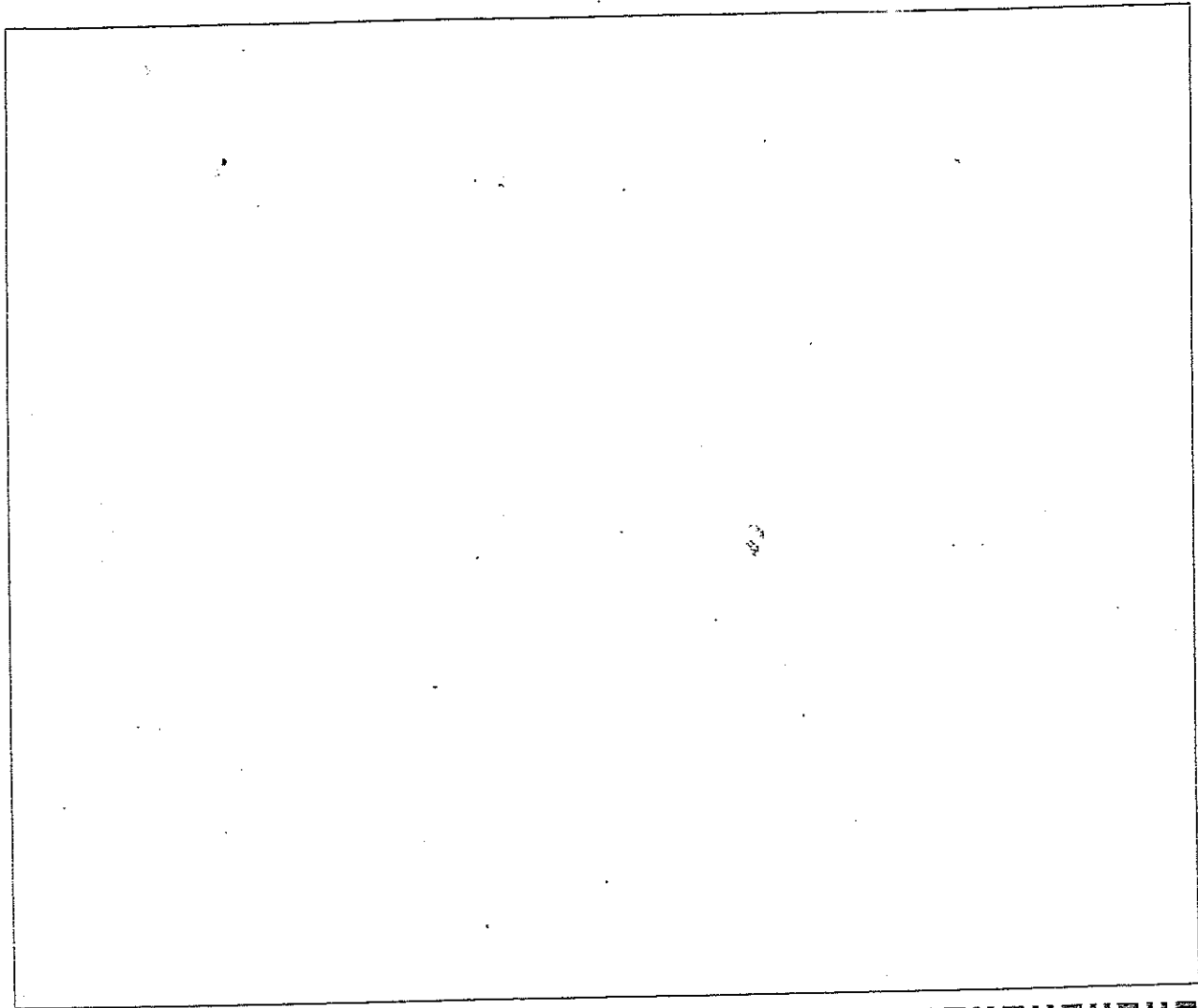
OWNER'S SIGNATURE [Signature]

MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY [REDACTED] STATE CA ZIP [REDACTED]

NOTE: This form must be returned to the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division in its entirety upon completion by the applicant. The applicant has read and is familiar with Article II, Chapter 32 of the Mountain View City Code (copy attached). In providing the information on this form, please be aware that this information is public record subject to disclosure upon request.

LOCATION: Please include sketch or attach a separate piece of paper.



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

This permit must be available at the work site at all times when the work is being done.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

RECOMMEND DENIAL

Arborist

Date

5/16/19

APPROVED

DENIED

Forestry and Roadway Landscape Manager

Date

5/16/19

OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION:

Replant required _____ 15- or 24-gallon tree by owner or in-lieu fee/by Forestry Division.

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ (Permit expires two years from effective date.)

ACTION	DATE	CLERK
1. Applicant notified of decision by mail.	_____	_____
2. Notice posted on tree.	_____	_____
3. If no appeals, approved/denied application mailed.	_____	_____

Date: May 24, 2019

To: City of Mountain View, Appeal for Heritage tree removal at 1859 Elsie Ave.

I am writing this appeal to the city against the approval of a heritage tree located at 1859 Elsie Ave., Mountain View, Ca. as posted on the removal permit. Several of our neighbors have expressed a concern over its removal. The sycamore tree is a healthy living tree that services a purpose of energy conservation, noise abatement, beauty and has been known to house families of Peregrine Falcons.

The tree is one of many spaced along the right side of Elsie Ave. It provides shade and shelter for at least six houses. It acts as a noise buffer from the Caltrain tracks whose train whistle blare more often now then ever and it buffers the road noise on central express way that is more congested due to increased traffic. Families of the Peregrine Falcon have nester in this particular tree on several occasions.

To allow this tree to be removed and replaced by a concrete slab to accommodate a trailer parking advantage does not make sense or is in keeping of Mountains Views environment views as stated on the city's web site. There is only one two story house on Elsie Ave and it is located next door to the one being built who requested the permit. There are no other trailers parked on the street or in driveways along Elsie Ave. as the application implies. The owner located at 1871 Elsie also doesn't want the tree removed and has called the number on the permit to express her concerns only to get passed on from phone number to phone number (run around).

There are three families located at 1871 Elsie, 1874 Elsie and 1860 Elsie who object to the removal and would like to appeal it but the permit says a \$50 fee must accompany the appeal. Mountain Views City web site on appeals for heritage trees says a \$15-dollar fee is charged for the appeal?

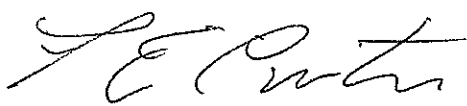
Frank Custer

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Home #

Mountain View



RECEIVED

May 24, 2019

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Forestry Division
231 N. Whisman Road
Mountain View, CA 94043

We are writing to express our concern about our neighbor's plan to cut down a heritage tree at 1859 Elsie Avenue.

Mountain View is distinguished by its beautiful tree-lined avenues, which makes it a healthy and enjoyable place to live. Trees reduce stress levels as well as summer temperatures and fossil fuel emissions, and thus are valuable in their own right. This is why Mountain View wisely adopted a heritage tree ordinance: to preserve this precious communal resource, the legacy of many generations of tree planters.

Our neighbor at 1859 Elsie Avenue complains that the tree—a healthy, beautiful, mature sycamore—prevents him from parking his mobile home in the driveway. However at this time there is no structure on his property. He can easily place his driveway on the other side of his property where the tree would not prevent his parking arrangements for his mobile home. Regardless, the idea that he could be permitted to cut down this magnificent tree in order to more conveniently park his trailer makes a mockery of our heritage tree ordinance. It is precisely in order to prevent such wanton acts of destruction that the ordinance was created.

Elsie Avenue is a pleasant street, cool in the summer, and wonderful for walking, because it is lined with beautiful heritage trees. As a result, the neighbors spend a lot of time outside, strolling, gardening, sitting on our front porches, walking dogs, watching children, and visiting. Cutting down any of these trees would reduce ambience and our sense of community as well as property values for all residents on the street. We urge you to help preserve the wonderful ambience of this neighborhood by denying his thoughtless request to cut down this tree.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Cheilek
Hazel Cheilek

[Redacted]

[Handwritten signature]
[Redacted]

Justin G...
[Redacted]

[Handwritten signature]
[Redacted]

MARTIN OMAWDER
[Handwritten signature]
[Redacted]

Randy Z...
[Redacted]

[Handwritten signature]
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HERITAGE TREE APPLICATION PROCEDURE/CHECKLIST

Tree Address: 185A Elsie Ave.

Applicant Name: Sam Sztainbaum

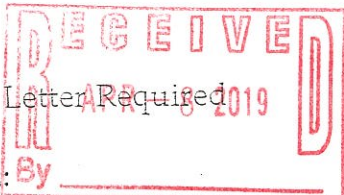
Date Received: 4-8-2019

Application Fee Cash Check _____
 Visa/Mastercard 005636 \$116

Field Inspection by Arborist Street Tree Private Tree

Arborist Report Required Received

Homeowners Association Letter Required Received



ARBORIST APPROVAL: By _____

1. (Check box for reason to be used in dictating letter & state precisely below)
- (1) Dead, dying or declining
 - (2) Condition of tree, i.e., disease, tree's health, utility service interference
 - (3) Construction, economic or other enjoyment of property
 - (4) Good forestry practices, including # of healthy trees on land

2. (State exact words to be placed on posting notice) OWNER IS REMODELING

HOME; PLANS CALL FOR EXTENDED HEIGHT GARAGE DOOR TO ALLOW FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILER/CAMPER; PLANS USE EXISTING GARAGE PAD & STRUCTURE (LOCATION). OWNER WANTS TO STRAIGHTEN DRIVEWAY SO TRAILER CAN BE BACKED INTO GARAGE.

ARBORIST DENIAL:
1. (Reason to be used in dictating letter) _____

2. (State exact words to be placed on posting notice) _____

Replacement requirement: Yes _____ # replants No
Size: 15 gal. can 2 1/2" box Other
Owner's discretion as to choice and location
Replacement requirement as to choice and/or location Specifics _____

(on other side)

