

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.

RECEIVED

JAN 04 2019

(Fee \$116: each additional tree at the same site \$58)  
APPLICATION FOR  
HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

The undersigned owner of the property at 1577 Latham Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

Phone No. (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Common Name of Tree Redwood tree Number of Trees 1

Circumference of tree 54" above ground: 18 feet

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

Comments: Please see attachments.

- 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 John Mark Agosta & Margaret Miller

OWNER'S SIGNATURE [Signature]

MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] 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.

Please see attached property plan sketch.

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

1/17/19  
Date

APPROVED  DENIED  
Forestry and Roadway Landscape Manager

1/17/19  
Date

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.	_____	_____

# Application for Heritage Tree Removal

John Mark Agosta



4 Jan 2019

Dear sir or madam,

This is an application to remove the front-yard redwood tree at 1577 Latham Ave. Mountain View, a property that we have owned for 30 years.

As background, the house dates to 1946, the likely date when the tree was planted. Recently it's become apparent that the tree has caused substantial damage to the house foundation, as discovered in the recent Foundation Damage report. Please find the relevant pages attached to this Application.


The tree's trunk has grown to within 2 feet of the structure. The roots have grown up around the corner of the house, un-leveling the floor and cracking the foundation. The tree has grown over the gas utility line, obscuring access to it. The attached pictures show the proximity of the tree and the extent of its growth

Sadly, discussions with local arborists have not found a solution to avoid further damage short of removing the tree. One should keep in mind that partial removal, or trimming of the roots would only postpone additional remedies. In short, we've loved the tree and the benefits it offers, and will be sad to see it go, and expect to replace it when we renovate the landscaping in its place.

Truly,



John Mark Agosta & Margaret M. Miller





Appeal on 1/31/19

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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# HERITAGE TREE

# REMOVAL

# ACTION PENDING

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JAN 22 2019  
CITY CLERK

Location: 1577 LATHAM STREET  
Property Owner: JOHN MARK AGOSTA & MARGARET MILLER  
Type of Tree: REDWOOD TREE

Upon the completion of a field inspection, Forestry Division staff has determined that the request to have the tree/trees removed be:

APPROVED       DENIED

The following reason(s) are cited in rendering this decision:

CONDITION OF TREE: CO-DOMINANT STEMS; PROXIMITY TO STRUCTURE WITH GRADE CHANGE AFFECTING RUN-OFF TOWARDS STRUCTURE; UTILITY INTERFERENCE

Any person wishing to appeal this action must file an appeal (Fee \$50) with the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, by 5:00 p.m., FEBRUARY 1, 2019 as outlined in Section 32.31 of the City of Mountain View City Code.

For further information regarding this Heritage Tree Removal Notice, contact the Forestry Division Office at (650) 903-6273

Date Posted: January 22, 2019

Matthew Feisthamel, Forestry Coordinator

1-31-19

Joe Dundon [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mtn. View, Ca

I appeal approval of long standing heritage tree/Redwood Tree at 1577 Latham Mountain View, Ca., pending removal.

Tree is beautiful, refreshing, habitat for our welcomed birds, and a total health enhancement for this community. It is a breathtaking natural landmark.

Thank you for your concern  
Neighbor Joe Dundon

