

City Of Mountain View

Date: 11/25/24 PJ /PJ25/CD2
 Time: 13:38:03 Receipt No: 567184

Account No: WANDA CHEUNG

Beginning Balance 0.00
 HERITAGE TREE APPEAL -100.00
 Ending Balance -100.00
 CREDIT CARD Amount 100.00
 Payment 100.00
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HERITAGE TREE APPEAL
 573 CARLA CT

please note
 Wanda C. informed
 me that she did
 not receive a
 response after she
 filed the permit
 application. Her
 neighbor informed
 her of the denial.



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Miscellaneous Fee
 Collection Schedule

Name: Wanda Cheung Date: 11/25/24

Address: re: 573 Carla Court

ACCOUNT (tree #1 and tree #2)

020012-42715	Sales of maps, pamphlets, codes, ordinances, charters, publications, Precise Plans, agendas, minutes, Council reports, copies, faxes (DOCFEE)	<u>2x50-</u> <u>100.00</u>
020012-42799	Heritage Tree Appeal (TREEAP)	
020012-42715	Sales of City Code and Code Supplements Subscription (CTYSUB)	
710100-22150	Elections - Deposit for Printing of Candidate's Statement (CANDST)	
020038-42715	Elections - Precinct Maps (ELCMAP)	
020103-43643	Sales of City Souvenirs (SOUVEN)	
211215-42799	Zoning Appeal to Council - CDD (ZONEPP)	
020012-42799	Other Appeal to Council (_____)	
020012-43623	Building Attendant and Rental Fee (CCATTN)	
710100-22171	Security Deposit	
020012-43643	Sale of Souvenirs (Clerk Store)	
02001242799	Marriage Officiant	
	SUBTOTAL	<u>100.00</u>
	TAX	
	TOTAL	<u>100.00</u>

NOTE: After payment of the above charges at the Finance and Administrative Services Department, please return this form and validated receipt to the City Clerk's Office.

Issued by: Puja Jani FASD Receipt No.: 567184

Re: Appeal for HTR-7956

Dear Russell,

I respectfully disagree with the assessment that the trees are in good condition and can be managed with pruning. The trees are structurally unsound and therefore meet local ordinance for removal.

Tree #1

Pruning of this tree will not manage the occurrence of falling limbs as evidenced by the dropping of a significantly large limb within a year of pruning (incident 1). The limb that dropped on 11/3 (incident 2) was around 5 ft in length and therefore would not have been pruned. This limb fell before three very large limbs dropped on 11/4 (incident 3 and photo of its aftermath was submitted). Three incidences within three years of pruning when the limbs were not long with respect to the tree's great height (over 40 ft) indicates that the tree is structurally unsound and not able to support limb spread that is crucial to dampen wind effects given its great height. And even with severe pruning that jeopardizes the tree's vertical stability in winds, incidents 1 and 2 show that pruning does not prevent the occurrence of limbs falling. The falling limbs are especially dangerous as they are heavy, falling from great heights, and have many spiky fruit attached that cause greater injury.

Furthermore, due to the close proximity of tree #2 (20 inches apart at ground level), the tree's canopy is severely imbalanced and further causes the tree to be structurally unsound.

Tree #2

This tree has a different structural issue in that its branches' lateral spread is essentially non-existent especially with respect to its great height (over 40 ft) and therefore does not dissipate wind load. In addition, due to its close proximity to tree #1, this tree's canopy is severely imbalanced and further causes the tree to be structurally unsound. My next door neighbor was also disappointed when she saw the tree removal request denied and informed me that the trees' swaying movement has increased over time. Every time there is a windy storm, she fears the tree as her bedroom is closest and directly in the potential path of destruction especially as most of the tree's canopy weight is on the side facing her house.

I was informed by the arborist that pruned the trees in 2022 that these trees cannot be topped as that would further compromise the structural integrity of the tree. In fact, she pointed out that the previous owner had topped tree #2 and now there are two leaders on this skinny tree making it top heavy.

While the trees may appear fine from the outside, that does not necessarily mean that they are fine on the inside, e.g. tree #1 with the falling limbs. As you know, it is not uncommon to cut down what appears to be a healthy tree and find the center decayed or insect damaged. Leah Russin had a Douglas fir that the City of Palo Alto denied her



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URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION
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 Mountain View, CA 94039-7540
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November 26, 2024

Wanda Cheung
 573 Carla Court
 Mountain View, CA 94040

HERITAGE TREE APPEAL: 573 Carla Court

Dear Wanda,

Please be advised that the Forestry Division has received your appeal for the above-mentioned address concerning two (2) Liquidambar Heritage Trees. You will be notified in the future of the time and date of the Urban Forestry Board hearing.

Sincerely,

Russell Hansen
 Urban Forest Manager
 Parks & Forestry Divisions

cc: f/c

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573 CARLA COURT
LIQUIDAMBAR (TREE #1)

HERITAGE TREE APPEAL NOTICE

The decision to deny the removal of this Heritage Tree has been appealed. An appeal shall automatically stay issuance or denial of the Heritage Tree Notice to remove or deny removal of the tree(s) identified on the notice (Mountain View City Code Section 32.31). An appeal hearing will be set before the Urban Forestry Board at a later time. Notice of the date and time will be posted here when known.

This notice shall be posted until a final decision has been rendered. For information regarding the appeal, please contact the Forestry Division Office at 650-903-6273.



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573 CARLA COURT
LIQUIDAMBAR (TREE #2)

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