

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO.  
SERIES 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN FORESTRY BOARD OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
TO DENY THE APPEAL, UPHOLD STAFF'S DECISION, AND ALLOW THE REMOVAL  
OF ONE HERITAGE TREE (LIQUIDAMBAR) AT 1158 CUESTA DRIVE

WHEREAS, an application was received for the removal of one Heritage tree at 1158 Cuesta Drive on April 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2025, the Forestry Division issued a decision on the application allowing the removal of one Heritage tree; and

WHEREAS, the decision approving the removal of the Heritage Tree was timely appealed; and

WHEREAS, at its duly noticed public hearing on June 25, 2025, the Urban Forestry Board considered the appeal of the application for removal of the Heritage tree and independently reviewed and considered the application, staff report, public testimony, Heritage Tree Ordinance, and other information in the record; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: by the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View that the Heritage Tree Removal Permit appeal is hereby denied, and the Heritage tree shall be removed based on the required findings pursuant to Mountain View City Code Section 32.35 set forth below:

1. The City Code requires the preservation of all healthy Heritage trees unless specific criteria are met pursuant to Mountain View City Code Section 32.35.

2. The City Code places emphasis on the preservation of trees and, when mitigation is possible, efforts should be made to preserve trees as opposed to removal.

3. The Urban Forestry Board determines that the removal of the Heritage tree does meet City Code Section 32.35(a)(2), which states the following:

a. 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 Urban Forestry Board agrees with staff's evaluation of the tree that found that removal of the Heritage tree is necessary in order to construct improvements because sidewalk repairs

cannot be done without significant root removal that could affect the health and structure of the tree, and the tree is located in the direct path of a proposed driveway.

This decision of the Urban Forestry Board is final. The time within which judicial review of this decision must be filed is governed by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. Notice of this decision shall be posted at the site, City Hall and at the Forestry Division Office.

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