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This notice shall be posted until a final decision has been rendered.

*Mark Z*

Posted By

01/26/26

Date

City of Mountain View  
Urban Forestry Division  
231 North Whisman Road  
P.O. Box 7540  
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

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City of  
**Mountain  
View**

January 26, 2026

Blake Freeman  
[Redacted]

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**Blake Freeman**  
[Redacted Signature]

PS Form 3800, January 2023 PSN 7530-32-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions

**HERITAGE TREE APPEAL: 139 EASY ST/HTR-14862**

Dear Blake:

Please be advised that the Urban Forestry Division has received your appeal regarding the address above concerning two (2) Redwood Heritage Trees. The division has scheduled a hearing on the appeal for the denied removal of these trees.

The Urban Forestry Board will review this appeal at their meeting on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the Community Center – Maple Room, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, CA and will also be available via Zoom. If you would like to join the hearing via Zoom you will be able to find the link at <https://mountainview.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

You are invited to attend this meeting and present your concerns to the Board. An example of what to expect at the hearing is: staff will present a report. The appellant will have up to 10 minutes to speak. The Commission may ask questions of any presenters, including staff and the appellant. The Commission will open and close public comment. Staff will have an additional 2 minutes for final comments, and the appellant will also have 2 minutes for final remarks. Afterward, the Commission will begin deliberations, make a motion, and vote.

Sincerely,

Russell Hansen  
Urban Forest Manager



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Miscellaneous Fee  
Collection Schedule

Name: Blake Freeman Date: 1/16/2026

Address: 139 Easy Street #1 and #2 trees

ACCOUNT

020012-42715	Sales of maps, pamphlets, codes, ordinances, charters, publications, Precise Plans, agendas, minutes, Council reports, copies, faxes (DOCFEE)	_____
<u>020012-42799</u>	Heritage Tree Appeal (TREEAP)	<u>\$325.00 #1</u>
020012-42715	Sales of City Code and Code Supplements Subscription (CTYSUB)	<u>\$325.00 #2</u>
710100-22150	Elections—Deposit for Printing of Candidate's Statement (CANDST)	_____
020038-42715	Elections—Precinct Maps (ELCMAP)	_____
020012-43643	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)	_____

SUBTOTAL 650.00

TAX \_\_\_\_\_

**PAID** TOTAL 650.00

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: Dolores Colina Receipt No: 581138

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
**FINANCE & ADMIN SERVICES DEPT**

City Of Mountain View

Date: 01/16/26 DCO /DC16/CD2  
Time: 13:31:51 Receipt No: 581138

Account No: BLAKE FREEMAN

Beginning Balance 0.00  
HERITAGE TREE APPEAL -650.00  
Ending Balance -650.00

CREDIT CARD Amount -650.00

Payment 650.00  
Change 0.00

139 EASY ST #1 & #2 TREES

Thank You And Have A Nice Day

## Feisthamel, Matthew

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**From:** McGill, Pam  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 1:10 PM  
**To:** Feisthamel, Matthew; , Trees; Nickels, John; Bautista, Cecilia  
**Subject:** FW: Somerset HOA (139 Easy Street): appealing Heritage tree removal denial  
**Attachments:** 139 redwood tree removal decision (DENIED) @ \$650 to appeal - City of MV, Jan 2026.pdf; Concrete slab demo @ \$14,490 - Lombardo #104929, 08 31 2025.pdf; Concrete slab re-pour @ \$6950 - Scott of All Trades #5889, 09 15 2025.pdf; HTR-14862 tree rpt, 139 Easy redwds, 2 - Bay Area Tree, 09 12 2025.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hello,

Here is the appeal reason from Mr. Freeman in case you did not receive a copy.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pam McGill  
Administrative Assistant to City Clerk  
City of Mountain View  
650-903-6642

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**From:** Blake Freeman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2026 5:19 PM  
**To:** McGill, Pam <pam.mcgill@mountainview.gov>  
**Subject:** Somerset HOA (139 Easy Street): appealing Heritage tree removal denial  
**Importance:** High

**CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL - Ensure you trust this email before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Hi Pam – Here is a summary of why we are appealing the Tree Dept’s position. Per Bay Area Tree’s report:

1. OPTION 1: periodically trenching along the 50’ south perimeter of 139 Easy Street - Is not a viable option because it “*doesn’t prevent 100% [of] future root damage*”, roots can grow back, some areas that would need to be excavated are inaccessible, and digging a trench along the entire south perimeter would be extremely difficult to do.
2. OPTION 2: removing the trees – Is the most viable option, by far. It would solve the problem forever.
3. OPTION 3: monitor the roots – Given what has already happened – well over \$21,000 of damage to the foundation (see attached invoices) – no reasonable person would accept an outcome that amounts to “*Do nothing and cross your fingers.*”

I think the Forestry / Tree Dept doesn’t appreciate the severity of the issue: ***the redwood tree roots raised & cracked 139 Easy’s slab foundation and also cracked tiles inside the unit.*** I know because I saw it with my own eyes: the living room floor was severely tilted and the kitchen floor was so badly crowned that the tiles were cracking. We are certain that the redwood tree roots caused the problem because they are the only large trees in the area, plus the excavation and the arborist’s report verified they were redwood tree roots, despite

the damaged flooring being 30' to 40' away from the trees. In sum, the redwood tree roots severely damaged 139's foundation and there is no viable alternative to removing them.

Sincerely,

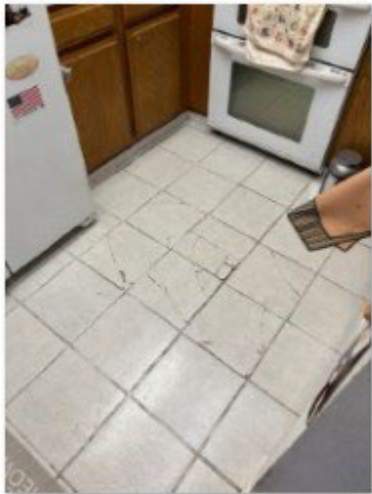
Blake Freeman, Property Manager  
Affirmative Management Services

**BATS Recommends the following Options, note that the Client must be aware and accept the Residual Liability for the chosen Option:**

**1:** Extensive root pruning outside of the house and monitoring. This option doesn't 100% prevent future root damage, but it can reduce the impacts. This is a very difficult task with varied results due to the poor access to expose the roots, poor design, and the time the roots have been allowed to grow as problems. Not all roots can be pruned as there is large rooting under a wide inaccessible area.

**2:** Removal of 2 Redwoods, ~~1 peach~~, and stumps/roots. This option prevents the most future damage from live roots. Note that not all roots can be removed or ground as there is large rooting under a wide inaccessible area.

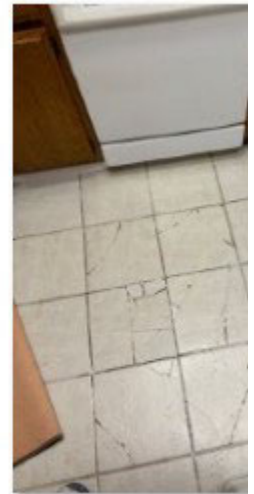
**3:** Monitoring roots and accepting the future damage by roots.



Floor damage, kitchen - Jun 2025 (3)



Floor damage, kitchen - Jun 2025 (4)



Floor damage, kitchen



**SCOTT OF ALL TRADES**



**General Contractor**  
**Lic. #** [REDACTED]

# Invoice

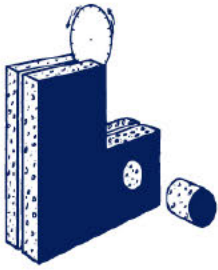
DATE	INVOICE #
9/15/2025	5889

BILL TO
Lynn North C/O Somerset HOA 139 Easy Street Mounbtain View, CA 94043

P.O. NUMBER	DUE DATE
	9/15/2025

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Labor	Supply and install, baserock, visqueen, sand, epoxy, rebar, and concrete(4000psi) in to areas - kitchen (5' x 8') & living room (10'x12") to replace concrete that was removed for tree root work. All materials, labor & taxes included	1		6,950.00

Subtotal	6,950.00
9% Tax	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,950.00</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>6,950.00</b>



Lombardo Diamond Core Drilling Co., Inc.

License : [REDACTED]

# Contract Invoice

Invoice#: 104929

Invoice Date: 08/31/2025

PO No.:

WO No.:

Job No.: 34448

Project: The Agency RE C.O.D-Job#-139 E  
139 Easy St  
Mountain View

CA 94043

Terms: 30DY

Billed To:



## Description

## Total

WORK COMPLETED: 08/25/25 THROUGH 08/28/25

PO# 139 EAST ST.

08/25/25:

ELECTRIC SAW 300' LF X 11' X 4" THICK C/C SLAB.

PULL OUT C/C AND STOCKPILE.

VACUUMED AND REMOVED ALL GENERATED SLURRY AND CONCRETE DEBRIS OFFSITE.

08/26/25:

BREAK AND REMOVE 8' X 4' X 6" SAND & PEA GRAVEL.

BREAK AND REMOVE 13' X 11' X 6" SAND & PEA GRAVEL.

BREAK AND REMOVE 6' X 2' X 2' DIRT.

VACUUMED AND REMOVED ALL GENERATED CONCRETE DEBRIS OFFSITE.

08/27/25:

BREAK AND REMOVE 6' X 2' X 3' DIRT - KITCHEN AREA.

BREAK AND REMOVE 29' X 2' X 3' DIG DIRT - LIVING ROOM AREA.

VACUUMED AND REMOVED ALL GENERATED CONCRETE DEBRIS OFFSITE.

08/28/25:

BREAK AND REMOVE 8' X 2' X 3" DIG DIRT.

BREAK AND REMOVE 4' X 8" X 6" THICK C/C SLAB.

BREAK AND REMOVE 13' X 12" X 6" THICK C/C SLAB.

VACUUMED AND REMOVED ALL GENERATED CONCRETE AND SLURRY DEBRIS OFFSITE.

Amount Due:

14,490.00

### LOMBARDO WORK POLICIES:

\* We accept no responsibility for layout.

\* We accept no liability for any damage to buried conduit, pipe, wood, beams or footings concealed in or under concrete or asphalt surfaces, or within cutting, drilling, demolition, or excavation depths requested.

\*Any claims for damages must be reported to our office within 48 hours after the damage was done. Lombardo reserves the right to inspect damage and repair it or sublet the repairs prior to accepting any back charges.

*A finance charge of 1.5% per month (18% APR) will be charged on all accounts not paid when due. Purchasers shall pay any Attorney fees incurred in collecting sums due hereunder.*

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