CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW URBAN FORESTRY BOARD RESOLUTION NO. SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION TO DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD A HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF THREE HERITAGE TREES AT 99 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD

WHEREAS, an application was received for the removal of three Heritage trees at 99 East Middlefield Road on November 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, the Forestry and Roadway Manager issued a decision on the application granting removal of the Heritage trees; and

WHEREAS, the decision allowing removal of the Heritage trees was timely appealed; and

WHEREAS, at its duly noticed public hearing on July 8, 2020, the Urban Forestry Board considered the appeal and the application for removal of the Heritage trees 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 trees may be removed based on the required findings pursuant to Mountain View City Code Section 32.35 set forth below:

1. The City Code places emphasis on the preservation of trees.

2. The City Code also provides criteria for removal, one of which is the necessity of the removal of the Heritage tree based on the general condition of the tree in relation to public safety.

3. The Urban Forestry Board determines that the removal of the Heritage trees is necessary due to the condition of the trees with respect to their general health, damage, and public nuisance.

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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