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

A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN FORESTRY BOARD OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW TO DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD A HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF ONE HERITAGE TREE AT 350 LEVIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, an application was received for the removal of a Heritage tree at 350 Levin Avenue on August 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2020, the Forestry and Roadway Manager issued a decision on the application denying removal of the Heritage tree; and

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

WHEREAS, at its duly noticed public hearing on December 9, 2020, 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 preserved 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 32.25.
- 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 not meet any of the criteria set forth in City Code Section 32.25, specifically relating to the condition of the tree due to potential mitigation of property damage without removal of the tree.

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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