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Council City of white Rock

I am writing to formally request that 13 Black Cottonwood trees located right across from my home on the south side of Semiahmoo Ave -15600 block near Finlay be removed.

My wife and I have owned this property at the north- east corner of Finlay and Semiahmoo for almost 42 years.

Until recently we have been able to continue to enjoy a very good view toward the water.

However when the property (2lots)below was developed and built ,the boulevard (city property) was cleared in preparation and allowed a condition for the city property to self seed with various species growing including 13 black cottonwood wood trees which are growing at a very rapid rate and are obstructing our views and those of a numerous number of our neighbors .

We also believe that these trees could represent a potential safety hazard to our home, the traffic on Semiahmoo Ave and the stairs on Finlay St .

During the past few years it appears that the city has taken responsibility for the maintenance of the boulevard (rather than the home owners) and at a lesser rate than a normal property owner would do for their property front.

We note that these lots are between Semiahmoo and Moffat lane, however the actual property front is Semiahmoo not Moffat.

In earlier discussions with the city arborist she agreed that this growth is a problem and that the city should remove the growth and the cottonwood trees, however the city didn't have a budget for it at this time.

After this discussion a city contractor did come to remove some invasive growth, however it should be noted that the remaining growth in addition to the trees are encroaching on the grassy boulevard.

In closing , again I am requesting that the city remove these cottonwood trees or allow an approved contractor to remove them at the residents expense.

Thank you

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