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Subject: Confirmation of Abatement Costs - Code Enforce Case Number CE21-080 at

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Hello, I thought I would start by describing my initial plan for removing my dead tree. 1. Remove tree with safety, neat nest & concern for the health of all including the workers. I did not want them working in extreme heat or rain which became an issue on several occasions. Also there was the pandemic concerns to deal with. 2. I wanted to recover some wood (a cord) from the cuttings. 3. I wanted to be home to observe the work and protect my property. 4. I eventually contacted 8 different tree removing services and found \$5000 a good price point, less if possible. This often meant that the removal would to longer 2 days or more. After a number of negotiations I realize that I could have another smaller dead tree removed at the same time. This became another issue for negotiation. On a few discussions the blue car further down the driveway became an issue but only a couple of times. 5. I also wanted to keep in reasonable contact with Officer Sidie which became more and more difficult as time passed. She seemed to be always away from her desk away for some other reason. I did not want our working relationship to become phone tag.

After several months I was frustrated. There were a number of disappointments mostly people not doing what they agreed to or backing out at the last minute. In mid-October I received two more business cards of which I did some research which seemed good. Then my health start to deteriorate pain in my legs and shortness of breath. Unfortunately October ended with me in the emergency room at Kaiser Richmond under my doctor's

orders. After a 4 day stay with irregular heart beat they released me to recuperate at home and avoid work, stress and take 5 meds-a-day. Toward the end of November I did manage to negotiate with the two tree removal services that left their business cards and was planning to have the two trees removed between the 1st and 11th of December for the price between \$4600-\$5000.

I was to start work again on the 29th of November. Late that morning I went out to my car. On my way back purely by chance, I found a six page notice in the bushes next to my garage stating the next morning the abatement of tree was to be done at the order of the city. I was in shock after not hearing anything from Officer Sidie nor anyone else from the city.

I was eventually able the reach Sidie and she said that the tree removers would be at my house at 8 am.

I read the abatement notice several times and found it to be full of errors.

I have been having internet issues all morning which have limited my time to finish what resulted from the abatement. I will make a list hear and let you know that I have pictures of everything that happen to document what I list.

Approximately 30 feet of my backyard fence what knocked down by

falling word from trees. It was then poorly raised up to appear fixed.

My car that was demanded to be removed as i was told that they were going to move in a crane. This was untrue.

The car was damaged because the towing service was not properly equipped to move the car. Which dragged several feet in the moving process.

The removal team left yard damaged and cluttered from the wood cutting.

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