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I was asked to review the second submitted plans and the applicant's arborist report and provide findings and recommendations. My first review was dated July 15, 2022

The report provides tree species, trunk diameters, locations on an aerial image with associated identification numbers, and a condition rating.

The new arborist's report was provided by ArborMD Tree Care, Inc. prepared by Neil Woolner was also dated April 18, 2022 with no updated date to reflect changes or label stating it was a revision. The report contains some required information for the proposed project. The following deficiencies are not included in the report and will need to be resolved:

- "The tree survey inventory numbers shall correspond to a numbered metal tag placed on each tree on site during the tree survey." - Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (a)¹

MCA: **COMPLETE**

- There are no specific tree protection measures regarding those proposed for retention - Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c).

MCA: INCOMPLETE: The report now indicates through the table and color coding that nine trees off site require chain link fence and six (southern magnolia street trees) also require chain link fence. There is no indication of the location of the fence and in this instance those along the street would require Type II or Type III protection as indicated in the ordinance. Please indicate on the plans where the protection will be locations and what "type" as described in the ordinance. There are no general tree protection guidelines as specified in the ordinance or prohibited activities explicitly stated. Please provide both specifications and guidelines as outlined in the ordinance.

- The table in the report does not indicate the disposition of each tree including "Protected" or "Large Protected". - 29.10.1000. New property development (a)(3).

¹ There are remnant tags from a previous inventory on some magnolias around the perimeter.



MCA: COMPLETE

- There are no tree crown diameters provided - Town of Los Gatos Tree Canopy Replacement Standard section Sec. 29.10.0985. Determination and conditions of permit. (1)(2) Table 3-1.

MCA: COMPLETE

- No tree appraisals were performed or values provided - 29.10.1000. New property development. (c)(3).

MCA: COMPLETE

The plan set does not contain the required Tree Preservation Instructions (Sheet T-1) sheet Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c) (1) or a Landscape Plan indicating replanting information consistent with the Town of Los Gatos Tree Canopy Replacement Standard section Sec. 29.10.0985. Determination and conditions of permit. (1)(2) Table 3-1.

MCA: INCOMPLETE: No T-1 protection sheets have been provide and none of the plans indicate the tree number locations as designated by the arborist. Please update the plans, either Landscape or Civil to reflect tree numbers and protection locations.

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Certification of Performance

I Richard Gessner, Certify:

That I have personally inspected the tree(s) and/or the property referred to in this report, and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation and/or appraisal is stated in the attached report and Terms of Assignment;

That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;

That the analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own;

That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted Arboricultural practices;

That no one provided significant professional assistance to the consultant, except as indicated within the report.

That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party, nor upon the results of the assessment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any other subsequent events;

I further certify that I am a Registered Consulting Arborist® with the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and that I acknowledge, accept and adhere to the ASCA Standards of Professional Practice. I am an International Society of Arboriculture Board Certified Master Arborist®. I have been involved with the practice of Arboriculture and the care and study of trees since 1998.

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