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**Re: Tree Impact Inspection – 280 Carlton Ave – MR-22-002**

Ryan,

I inspected this site for the proposed addition and remodel per your request.

The only tree that will be impacted by the proposed work is the Ailanthus Altissima tree in the side yard, behind the existing garage. I recommend that the owners apply for a Tree Removal Permit prior to building permit submittal to remove this tree as it will outgrow the current planter area and is not suitable for preservation. Two, 15-gallon trees will be required to be replanted as a condition of the Tree Removal Permit.

For additional questions, please contact me at (408) 761-4530.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Moulden".

Rob Moulden, Town Arborist

**Sec. 29.10.1005. - Protection of trees during construction**

(a) *Protective tree fencing shall specify the following:*

(1) *Size and materials. Six (6) foot high chain link fencing, mounted on two-inch diameter galvanized iron posts, shall be driven into the ground to a depth of at least two (2) feet at no more than ten-foot spacing. For paving area that will not be demolished and when stipulated in a tree preservation plan, posts may be supported by a concrete base.*

(2) *Area type to be fenced. Type I: Enclosure with chain link fencing of either the entire dripline area or at the tree protection zone (TPZ), when specified by a certified or consulting arborist. Type II: Enclosure for street trees located in a planter strip: chain link fence around the entire planter strip to the outer branches. Type III: Protection for a tree located in a small planter cutout only (such as downtown): orange plastic fencing shall be wrapped around the trunk from the ground to the first branch with two-inch wooden boards bound securely on the outside. Caution shall be used to avoid damaging any bark or branches.*

(3) *Duration of Type I, II, III fencing. Fencing shall be erected before demolition, grading or construction permits are issued and remain in place until the work is completed. Contractor shall first obtain the approval of the project arborist on record prior to removing a tree protection fence.*

(4) *Warning sign. Each tree fence shall have prominently displayed an eight and one-half-inch by eleven-inch sign stating: "Warning—Tree Protection Zone—This fence shall not be removed and is subject to penalty according to Town Code 29.10.1025."*

(b) *All persons, shall comply with the following precautions:*

(1) *Prior to the commencement of construction, install the fence at the dripline, or tree protection zone (TPZ) when specified in an approved arborist report, around any tree and/or vegetation to be retained which could be affected by the construction and prohibit any storage of construction materials or other materials, equipment cleaning, or parking of vehicles within the TPZ. The dripline shall not be altered in any way so as to increase the encroachment of the construction.*

(2) *Prohibit all construction activities within the TPZ, including but not limited to: excavation, grading, drainage and leveling within the dripline of the tree unless approved by the Director.*

(3) *Prohibit disposal or depositing of oil, gasoline, chemicals or other harmful materials within the dripline of or in drainage channels, swales or areas that may lead to the dripline of a protected tree.*

*(4) Prohibit the attachment of wires, signs or ropes to any protected tree.*

*(5) Design utility services and irrigation lines to be located outside of the dripline when feasible.*

*(6) Retain the services of a certified or consulting arborist who shall serve as the project arborist for periodic monitoring of the project site and the health of those trees to be preserved. The project arborist shall be present whenever activities occur which may pose a potential threat to the health of the trees to be preserved and shall document all site visits.*

*(7) The Director and project arborist shall be notified of any damage that occurs to a protected tree during construction so that proper treatment may be administered.*

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