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## Summary and Assignment

I was asked to review the plans and the applicant's arborist report and provide findings and recommendations. I Provided a review on July 16, 2024.

The arborist's report was provided by Calyx Tree + Landscape Consulting dated December 20, 2023, revised dated August 21, 2024, and October 24, 2024. The prior deficiencies are now resolved as indicated below:

- There are no specific tree protection measures regarding those proposed for retention - Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c). Only the Street Trees could remain to be protected and would require a Type I or Type II protection scheme. **Resolved**
- 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). Nor the report or table indicates which trees are Exempt Sec. 29.10.0970. Exceptions. (1) or (2), needs a column to be more specific as indicated in the ordinance. There is at least one Large Protected coast live oak and two Exempt privet. **Resolved**
- No appraised values were provided - 29.10.1000. New property development. (c)(3). The report provides a total value. **Resolved**
- No specific development plans were indicated as reviewed (remove or retain). However the arborist indicates all trees will be removed with the exception of the Street Trees and the plans confirm this. **Resolved**
- There are no references to the Town's ordinance and requirements for protection. Boiler plate information was provided as per author's standard procedures. The Town uses Type I, II, and III protection schemes. **Resolved**
- Correct report artifacts and inconsistencies. **Resolved**

The plan set does not contain the required Tree Preservation Instructions (Sheet T-1) sheet Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c) (1). Although sheet L3.0 Provides replacement tree information. **Resolved**



## Qualifications, Assumptions, and Limiting Conditions

Any legal description provided to the consultant is assumed to be correct. Any titles or ownership of properties are assumed to be good and marketable. All property is appraised or evaluated as though free and clear, under responsible ownership and competent management.

All property is presumed to be in conformance with applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, or other regulations.

Care has been taken to obtain information from reliable sources. However, the consultant cannot be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

The consultant shall not be required to give testimony or attend meetings, hearings, conferences, mediations, arbitration, or trials by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including payment of an additional fee for such services.

This report and any appraisal value expressed herein represent the opinion of the consultant, and the consultant's fee is not contingent upon the reporting of a specified appraisal value, a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.

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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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