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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) DISCRETIONARY TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

Application fee due upon submittal: See Section 2.5

City of Cerritos approval is required prior to the removal of any privately-owned tree located in a multifamily residential property or a common area governed by a homeowners association (HOA). This Homeowners Association (HOA) Discretionary Tree Removal Application is intended for the proposed removal of trees that constitute a private nuisance and that do not qualify for Administrative approval (see Section 2.0 for additional details). Please consult with the Department of Community Development for the appropriate application and approval process (see Section 5.0 of this application for additional details).

<u>Level of review</u>: This application is subject to <u>discretionary review by the Cerritos Planning Commission</u>. The application will first be reviewed administratively by City of Cerritos staff to ensure completeness and clarity of the information provided. Following City staff's determination of completeness, staff will schedule a public hearing before the Cerritos Planning Commission for their review and consideration of the application.

1.0 PROPERTY/CONTACT INFO	RMATION
1.1 Name of HOA:	
	operty is a HOA or apartment complex, provide the "Tree Address" listed in Table 1.2.1 below. The locations shall be provided on the required Tree Reforestation Plan; see Section 4.0 below.)
1.3 Name of HOA representative authorizing this application:	
1.4 Title of HOA representative authorizing this application: (board member, property manager, etc.)	
1.5 Applicant contact name:	
1.6 Applicant business name:	1.7 Phone number:
1.8 Applicant address:	

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Table 1.2.1 Tree Addresses

The following "tree addresses" (ending with the letter "T") for HOAs and apartment complexes are to be listed as the primary property address in item 1.2 on page 1 of this application, for record purposes only.

HOA/Apartment	Tree Address
Boardwalk	17850T Palo Verde Avenue
Carmenita Village	13558T Village Drive
Cerritos Terrace	12920T Maui Court
Cerritos Garden	18944T Vickie Avenue
Apartments	
Cerritos Villas	12446T Dawn Lane
Concord Place	16604T New England Lane
Courtside (The	16320T Norwalk Boulevard
Courts)	
Del Rio HOA	18729T Del Rio Place
Emerald Villas	19435T Jewel Drive
Encore	16611T Symphony Lane
Fountain Walk	13437T Cascade Court
Four Trees	18427T Studebaker Road
Apartments	

HOA/Apartment	Tree Address
Granada Park	12575T Hiddencreek Way
The Grove at Cerritos	11000T New Falcon Way
(formerly	
Vintage/Avalon)	
Parkside	16500T Redwood Drive
Pioneer Villas	11830T Jackson Street
Plaza Walk	18810T Pioneer Boulevard
Royal Terrace	12326T 195th Street
Shadow Park	12770T Alconbury Street
Sundance	12439T Pinegrove Lane
The Palms	17313T Norwalk Boulevard
Tiburon	12230T Cedarcrest Drive
Woodvale	16621T Bloomfield Avenue

2.0 DISCRETIONARY TREE REMOVAL STANDARDS

In accordance with Section 8 of the City of Cerritos Tree Preservation Manual, the following standards shall apply for all discretionary tree removals:

2.1 <u>Eligibility</u> – Discretionary tree removal approval may be granted by the Cerritos Planning Commission when a tree constitutes a private nuisance. "Private nuisance" means a privately-owned tree causing significant structural damage to privately-owned structures including, but not limited to, buildings, block walls, patios, porches, and trash enclosures. "Private nuisance" also means a tree on private property that poses a danger or threat to the life, health, or safety of HOA residents or members of the general public.

"Significant structural damage" means significant visible physical damage to any of the aforementioned structures caused by the subject tree's main trunk and/or root system, thereby jeopardizing the structural integrity of said structure. Evidence of significant structural damage must be reported in a Building Inspection Report prepared by an independent Certified Building Inspector, retained by the HOA. Damage to existing privately-owned sidewalks, curbing, asphalt paving, and/or plumbing caused by the root system of an adjacent tree shall not qualify as "significant structural damage" unless any of the following conditions apply:

- 1.) Damage to private property persists after initial root-pruning measures prove to be ineffective;
- 2.) The extent of the required root pruning is deemed by the City Arborist to be detrimental to the long-term health and stability of the subject tree; or
- 3.) The referenced damage to private property is unable to be corrected without first removing the subject tree.

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All measures to preserve and protect trees that are not dead, dying, or diseased must be exhausted prior to obtaining Planning Commission approval for the removal of healthy trees that are believed to be causing significant structural damage to a permanent privately-owned structure. Accordingly, leaf debris, droppings, sap, and/or tree branches that can be effectively controlled through pruning and routine maintenance shall not constitute "significant property damage" and thereby shall not be considered as justification for the removal of trees.

Only trees that meet the eligibility criteria outlined in this section should be included in this application. Other trees that qualify for staff-level approval should be included in a separate Administrative Tree Removal Application for staff-level review and approval.

- 2.2 Prior Written Review/Approval No tree shall be removed without prior written authorization from the respective HOA and subsequent approval by the City of Cerritos. With the submittal of a completed application and required supplemental information, City staff will conduct an inspection and, upon determining whether the trees meet the eligibility criteria outlined above, will authorize consideration of a Discretionary Tree Removal Application by the Planning Commission at a duly noticed public meeting.
- 2.3 Replacement of Prior Removed Trees No new trees will be considered for approval for removal until all prior removed trees have been replaced in accordance with previous written City approval. Trees that were previously removed without City approval and without replacement shall be included in the proposed Tree Replacement Plan.
- 2.4 One-for-One Replacement Each removed tree must be replaced with at least one new tree on the same property with similar characteristics, the species and size of which must be approved by the City of Cerritos.
- 2.5 Application Fees The following application fees shall be required to be submitted with a completed Discretionary Tree Removal Application:
 - \$500 public hearing fee AND
 - \$0.39 per mailing label (see Section 4.4) AND
 - Tree removal request fee as follows:
 - o \$115 for the proposed removal of 1-5 trees;
 - o \$230 for the proposed removal of 6-10 trees; or
 - o \$560 for the proposed removal of 11 or more trees.
- 2.6 Pre-Application Meeting City staff is available upon request to meet with HOA representatives and respective Qualified Landscape Professionals (see Section 4.1) in advance of application submittal to answer questions pertaining to completion of the application and preparation of the required Tree Reforestation Plan. Call (562) 916-1201 to schedule an appointment.
- 2.7 <u>Application Review "Shot Clock"</u> City staff shall be required to do either of the following within thirty (30) days of receipt of a completed application:
 - Complete the plan check review and provide comments and corrections to the applicant for incorporation into a revised plan. If corrections are required, the applicant shall resubmit a revised plan with said changes incorporated for further review by City staff under a new thirty (30) day "shot clock" period; or
 - Find the application to be complete and the plans and supporting documents to be ready for Cerritos Planning Commission review. Staff will schedule a public hearing before the Cerritos Planning Commission for their review and consideration of the application.

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- 2.8 <u>Public Hearing Purpose</u> A duly noticed public hearing is required for consideration of a Discretionary Tree Removal Application in order to provide an opportunity for affected residents to participate in the decision-making process, voicing their comments in support of or against the proposed application. The public hearing process provides for local government transparency in cases where otherwise healthy trees are considered for removal.
- 2.9 <u>Application Denial/Appeal</u> If a denial is issued by Cerritos Planning Commission for the proposed application, the HOA may elect to withdraw the application or revise the plan to address the Planning Commission's comments for consideration at a continued public hearing. The HOA may also elect to appeal the Planning Commission's decision to the City Council.
 - Appeal must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office within fifteen (15) days of said denial.
 - Appeal fee of \$500 shall apply, to cover the cost of the public hearing.
 - The determination of the City Council shall be final and effective immediately.

3.0 SAMPLE TREE LEGEND

Please reference the sample tree legend provided below when conveying information and details about the tree(s) proposed for removal and replacement.

Tree No.	Approximate address or location description	Proposed species for removal	Reason for removal*	Proposed species for replacement	Proposed tree size	Proposed location
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^{*} In order to qualify for Discretionary (Planning Commission) approval, the subject tree must meet one of the eligibility criteria for removal listed in Section 2.1 above.

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4.0 APPLICATIO	N CHECKLIST
	elow to acknowledge the submittal, with this completed application, of the items cluding all listed details). This application will not be accepted via e-mail.
The Tree "Qualifie	forestation Plan - three (3) hard copy sets* Reforestation Plan shall be prepared by a Qualified Landscape Professional. d Landscape Professional" means a registered or licensed professional with als, such as a Certified Arborist or State-Licensed Landscape Architect.
photo (p Prima Name North Labele Locati Minim Drawi	/Aerial Photo Specifications: For the Tree Reforestation Plan, each site plan or aerial rinted on 11" x 17" sheet) shall show the following: ry property address identified in item 1.2 above of HOA or development, if applicable arrow ed streets on of each tree, numbered according to the tree legend rum 4" by 6" blank/white area for approval stamp ng/photo must be clear and legible. Inted in color, it must be easily reproducible in black and white.
• At lea	ph Specifications: The photograph sheets (minimum 8.5" \times 11") shall show: st one color photo (minimum 4" \times 6") of each tree proposed for removal, numbered ding to the tree legend
be requi	ollowing completion of staff's review, additional hard copy sets of corrected plans will red for review by the Cerritos Planning Commission, along with a CD or emailed files ag electronic copies of the plans. The request for these items will be made in writing taff.
4.1.1	 Tree Disposition Plan The Tree Disposition Plan shall include: Site plan and/or aerial photo (printed on 11" x 17" sheet) identifying the location and condition of the subject tree(s) to be removed within the HOA common area, numbered according to the tree legend. Trees eligible for removal must be dead, dying, diseased, and/or constitute a public nuisance as determined by the Director of Public Works or his/her designee. Tree legend Photographs of the subject tree(s) Supporting documentation (minimum 8.5" x 11") illustrating the reason(s) for tree removal
4.1.2	 Building Inspection Report The Building Inspection Report shall be prepared by an independent certified building inspector retained by the HOA and shall include: Evidence of a "private nuisance" existing by way of the subject tree causing "significant structural damage" to privately-owned HOA property. (See Section 2.1 above for definitions of "private nuisance" and "significant structural damage.")
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[nted on 11" x 17" sheet) identifying the location that is required to be comparable in size and
[in an alternative location and shall in	r 11" x 17" sheet) identifying the plant material
	 and replacement of City-approved trees over an externation of City-approved trees over an externation of the completion of the co	ishes the timeframe for completing the removal rees and/or the phased removal and replacement nded period of time. The Schedule of sheet) identifying the outer date (month and he removal and replacement of each tree, the outer date (month and year) corresponding to the tree legend
	other designated officer in support of the app to the letter: • Resolution of the HOA Board approving the Reforestation Plan; OR	rm of a letter from the HOA Board President or olication. One of the following shall be attached
	HOA, and adjacent properties within 500 feet	spond to the information on the Gummed Mailing
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	4.4		er shall type a list of the names and	
		within 500 feet of the exterior boundary of the applicant's property onto gummed labels. Each property shown on the gummed label should be numbered to correspond to information		
		on the Base Map (see item 4.3 above). • Mailing labels must be printed on a 8.5" x 11" label sheet, with 3 equal rows across and 10		
		Mailing labels must be or 11 rows down.	e printed on a 8.5" x 11" label sheet	, with 3 equal rows across and 10
			ormats other than that specified will	not be accepted.
		• Sample label:	John Doe	
			12345 Main Street	
			Cerritos, CA 90703	4
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		Base Map.	ottom-right corner of the label corre	
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	4.5	This form is attached to	ner's List Preparer's Affidavit the end of this application. It must st referenced in items 4.3 and 4.4 al	
	4.6	Environmental Inform	ation Form (Appendix H)	
			the end of this application. It is req ct (CEQA) to be completed wheneve	
	47	Legal Description		
	7.7	Attach a copy of the lega	al description of the HOA-owned pro ion to be adopted by the Cerritos Pl	
	4.8	Application fees (see Section 2.5)		
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will be prod	required application materials have been submitted. The application is accepted and essed. Following review of all of the submitted materials and inspection by City staff,
	and/or corrections will be provided in writing within 30 days of receipt.
	y (City staff name):
	The following application materials are missing and/or incomplete:
	3 , 1
The above	item(s) must be provided in order to deem the application complete for processing.
Date:	
Returned b	y (City staff name):
application	r Resubmittal. All required application materials have been submitted. The is accepted and will be processed. Following review of all of the submitted materials tion by City staff, comments and/or corrections will be provided in writing within 30 eipt.
Date:	
Received b	y (City staff name):
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5.0 HOA TREE REMOVAL INFORMATION

The City of Cerritos maintains separate procedures for the removal of trees in residential areas depending on the location and condition of the subject tree. Below is a summary of the various applications, associated fees, and reference documents. Fees are intended only to recoup the City's cost associated with the review, processing, and facilitation of the tree removal applications.

Application/Document	Fee	Contact	Download Location	
City of Cerritos Tree Preservation Manual - Section 8: HOA Tree Removal Application Procedures Policy document outlining City standards and procedures for removal of trees within HOAs	N/A	N/A		
HOA Administrative Tree Removal Application Trees that are dead, dying, diseased, and/or constitute a public nuisance HOA Discretionary Tree Removal Application Trees that constitute a private nuisance and/or do not qualify for Administrative approval HOA Emergency Tree Removal Application Trees that posed an immediate threat to public safety and prior verbal City approval was granted Private Parkway Tree Removal Application Tree located adjacent to a private street and which a HOA requires an individual homeowner to be responsible for replacement (e.g., Shadow Park)	1-5 trees: \$115 6-10 trees: \$230 11+ trees: \$560 \$500 public hearing fee + above fees No fee if replaced within 60 days \$78 per tree and per request	Department of Community Development (562) 916-1201	https://www.cerritos.gov/ residentialpermits	
City of Cerritos Parkway Tree Removal Application Form Tree located adjacent to a public street owned and maintained by the City of Cerritos	N/A	Department of Public Works (562) 916-1220	https://www.cerritos.gov/ media/n4vhmjze/ city-parkway-tree- 1removal-application- 1.pdf	

6.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge an understanding of the following declarations:

- 6.1 <u>Review of Requirements</u>. I declare, under penalty of making a false statement, that I have read and understand the statements and requirements of this application.
- 6.2 <u>Conditions of Approval</u>. I understand and will comply with the following conditions of approval:
 - 6.2a: Prior to installation of replacement tree(s), the City Arborist shall be contacted at (562) 407-2659 to inspect the tree(s) to verify species, size, and good health.
 - 6.2b: Ongoing trimming of all trees on the subject property shall be subject to approval of a Tree Pruning Permit and shall be performed in accordance with standards set forth in Cerritos Municipal Code Chapter 9.75.
 - 6.2c: The contractor performing the approved tree removal and replacement shall hold a business license issued by the City of Cerritos.

6.3 Plan Adherence.

- 6.3a: No tree shall be removed without prior written approval by the City of Cerritos.
- 6.3b: I attest that the plans submitted for review in connection with this application are complete and accurate. Approval of the submitted plans is subject to the applicant having submitted accurate information.

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- 6.3c: All work shall be performed in accordance with the approved plans and application. If modifications or deviations from the approved plans and application are deemed necessary, any and all such modifications shall be submitted in the form of revised plans and revised application to the Department of Community Development for review in accordance with the requirements set forth herein. No modification or deviation shall proceed without prior written approval by the Department of Community Development. If these requirements are violated, the City of Cerritos may require the work to be completely removed and redone in accordance with the approved plans.
- 6.4 <u>Penalties for Violation</u>. A violation of the statements and requirements of the Municipal Code may constitute an infraction punishable pursuant to Section 1.08.020 of the Cerritos Municipal Code.

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I acknowledge and understand declarations 6.1 through 6.4 above. _____ Date: 6.5 Applicant's signature: 6.6 Authorized HOA _____ Date: _____ representative signature: 6.7 Primary property address: (same as item 1.2 on page 1) APPROVAL/DETERMINATION - FOR OFFICE USE ONLY City Arborist review: Transmitted on (date): Returned on (date): Public hearing held by the Cerritos Planning Commission on (date): Cerritos Planning Commission Resolution Number: This application is (check one): Approved, subject to the findings and conditions of approval incorporated by reference into the abovereferenced resolution. **Denied**, subject to the findings in the above-referenced resolution. City Staff Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____ (If approved) Project Reference Number: A/P#

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM

Appendix H

Date	e Filed:				
GEN	ERAL INFORMATION				
1.					
2.	Address of project:				
	Assessor's Book, Page	and Lot Number:			
3.	Name, address, and te	lephone number of person	to be contacted concerning this project:		
4.	Existing zoning district				
5.	Proposed use of property (project for which this form is filed):				
PRO	JECT DESCRIPTION				
6.	Property size:	acres,	square feet.		
7.	Proposed building squa	re footage:			
8.	Number of floors and square footage of each floor:				
9.	Amount of off-street pa	arking provided:	spaces.		
10.					
11.	If multifamily residential, include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, prices or rents and type of household size expected:				
12.		•	eighborhood, city or regionally oriented, :		
13.			per of employees per shift and loading		

If institutional, indicate the major function, estimated number of employees per shift, estimated occupancy, loading facilities and community benefits to be derived from the			
project:			
If the project involves a variance, conditional use or rezoning application, state this and			
indicate clearly why the application is required:			

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Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss below all items checked yes (attach additional sheets as necessary).

YES	NO				
		16.	Change in existing property features or substantial alteration of ground contours.		
		17.	Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas or public lands or roads.		
		18.	Change in scale or character of general areas surrounding project.		
		19.	Add significant amounts of solid waste or litter.		
		20.	Change in the level of dust, ash, smoke, fumes or odors in vicinity.		
		21.	Change in ocean, bay, lake, stream or ground water quality or		
		22.	quantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns. Substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity.		
		23.	Property on filled land or on slope of 10 percent or more.		
		24.	Use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic		
		25.	substances, flammables or explosives. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire,		
		26.	water, sewage, etc). Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural		
		27.	gas, etc). Relationship to a larger project or series of projects.		
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28.	soil s	stability ing stru	e property as it exists before the project, including information on topography, , plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Describe an actures on the property and the use of said structures. Attach photographs of		
29.	Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals, and on any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one-family, apartment, houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, set-back, rear yard, etc.). Attach photographs of the vicinity.				
Certif	icatio	n:			
and in	forma nents,	tion red	t the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data quired for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, formation presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and		
Date:			Signature:		

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER'S LIST PREPARER'S AFFIDAVIT

I,			being duly sworn, depose and
certify that I am the o			located at
			, and identified as
or am a duly appointed representative of such owner(s), and nereby certify that the attached list contains the names and addresses of all persons to whom all property is assessed as they appear on the latest available assessment roll of the County of Los Angeles within the area described and for a distance of five hundred (500) feet from the exterior			
boundaries of property			
Date:		Signature:	e:
Mailing Address:			Phone:
CALIFORNIA ALL-PU	RPOSE ACKNO	WLEDGMENT	
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