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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 visited the site on December 12, 2024.

The arborist's report was provided by Kielty Arborist Services LLC dated June 28, 2024. The report contains some required information for the proposed project.

The site is comprised of an English walnut (*Juglans regia*) orchard. The report indicates two walnuts have a trunk diameter greater than eighteen inches along with one Large Protected coast live oak. The remaining trees are considered Exempt within the ordinance.

There is one discrepancy within the plans. Sheet C2.0 indicates the Large Protected coast live oak is to be retained. However the remaining plans and the arborist report (along with the expected impacts around the tree based on my review) indicate the tree is to be removed.

The only deficiency within the report and assessment is no "numbered metal tags" were placed on the trees for reference in the field. However, based on the nature of the proposed plans I am not recommending returning to the site to accomplish this task because it would be frivolous at this point considering all the trees are to be removed.

The report provides recommendations for replacement trees and the applicant should replace the trees according to the ordinance requirements as indicated in Sec. 29.10.0985. Determination and conditions of permit. Table 3-1.



## 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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