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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.

The initial report provided tree species, trunk diameters, height, crown diameters, condition ratings, suitability for preservation, photographs, and locations on an aerial image with associated identification numbers. The arborist's report was provided by HMH dated February 13, 2025. The report contains some required information for the proposed project. The following deficiencies are not included in the report and will need to be resolved¹:

- There are no specific tree protection measures regarding those proposed for retention - Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c). No plans are referenced and no plan for protection has been developed. There is no indication of the expected impacts on the trees, for instance how many are to be removed and how many protected if any.
- The table in the report indicates the disposition of each tree including "Protected" or "Large Protected". - 29.10.1000. New property development (a)(3). Exempt Sec. 29.10.0970. Exceptions. (1) or (2), There is a column indicating trees "Protected" or not, but does not define their status within the ordinance. There are some "Large Protected" trees. There are several Exempt trees listed as protected including acacia, palms, privets, and fruit trees. The disposition of the trees needs to be corrected
- Appraised values were provided - 29.10.1000. New property development. (c)(3). The report provides values but the appraisals have been performed incorrectly. Please re-appraise trees following the guidance of the Guide for Plan Appraisal tenth edition 2019 second printing. Tree can be appraised using the trunk formula.
- No specific development plans were indicated as reviewed (remove or retain). No expected impacts or disposition remove or retain has been provided.

¹ The report fulfills the stated assignment which is an inventory and assessment. At the time the report and assessment the development plans had not been provided or reviewed by the arborist.



- There are no references to the Towns 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.
- The plan set does not contain the required Tree Preservation Instructions (Sheet T-1) sheet Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c) (1).
- The tree locations and their identification numbers need to be placed on an actual survey if any are to be retained.

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