

Straus Park Master Homeowner's Association

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STRAUS PARK TREE TRIMMING / REMOVAL POLICY

The Straus Park Homeowners Association encourages the preservation of trees to the greatest extent feasible. The protection of healthy mature hardwood and evergreen trees throughout Straus Park is a high priority to the overall design concept. Individual homeowners or builders must be aware of this goal of the Association and their individual responsibilities to protect and enhance tree growth within individual lots whenever feasible.

Tree removal or trimming of trees that are greater than 4" diameter breast high without ECC approval, may result in fines being levied by the Master Association to include, but not limited to, costs to remove and/or replace damaged or downed trees

Each application for tree removal or tree trimming shall be reviewed by the Environmental Control Committee (ECC) with a decision rendered on approval or denial (in whole or in part) on the basis of the following criteria:

- The condition of the tree with respect to disease, danger of falling, proximity to existing or proposed structures, and interference with existing utility services. The committee may require an arborist report concerning the overall condition of the tree(s) in question at Owner expense.
- Trees located within five (5) feet of a public right-of-way or street.
- The topography of the land and the effect of the tree removal upon erosion, soil retention and the diversion or increased flow of surface waters.
- The number, species, size and location of existing trees in the area and the effect the removal would have upon shade, sunlight, privacy, scenic beauty, wildlife, noise, air quality, wind, health, safety, prosperity, historic values and general welfare of the area and the neighborhood as a whole.
- Dead or heavily diseased tree removal is encouraged to promote safety and overall well-being of surrounding vegetation. ECC approval is required for this type removal except in instances where the tree in question directly threatens structures or right-of-ways.

TREE TRIMMING & PROTECTION STANDARDS

The approved attached tree trimming, pruning and protection methods are the accepted standard for all work of this type within the Association

FEES

No fees are required for ECC review of tree removal requests by individual homeowners

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Straus Park Tree Removal/Trimming Application

Property Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Applicant's Phone No.: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ FAX: _____

Address (lot number if new construction) where tree(s) are to be removed:

Company or individual removing tree(s): _____

Address: _____

Business License #: _____

Business Phone No.: _____

INFORMATION ON TREES PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED

Tree ID Number

Identify each tree to be removed/trimmed on the site plan by numbering and flagging the tree(s) in question

Type of Tree

List tree type such as Oak, Pine, Maple, etc.

Size of Tree

List circumference as measured around tree, 48" above the ground level

Reason for Tree Removal*

List *specific* reasons for tree removal/trimming per attached "Tree Removal Permit Processing" chart

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS

Tree Location Site Plan: Please plot all trees to be removed from the property on the attached sheet (or other sheet with a maximum size of 8-1/2" by 11").

***Arborist's Report:** In some cases, an Arborist's Report may be required by the ECC before approval of a permit. This may be required in order to verify the health of a tree or to evaluate any potential alternatives to tree removal. Discuss the need for an Arborist's Report with the ECC *before* you submit your application.

Authorization/Agreement: The property owner shall review and sign in the space provided in this tree removal application. Please be aware that there may be conditions placed on the tree removal/trimming permit.

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PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZATION/AGREEMENT

I understand that trees may be removed/trimmed ONLY if found to be within the criteria as established by the Environmental Control Committee (ECC) and that by signing this form, I am certifying that the tree(s) to be removed/trimmed is/are solely on my property. ***I am aware that replacement trees (up to three or more for each tree removed) may be required and that no trees may be removed/trimmed (except in cases of emergency) until a permit letter has been approved by the ECC and I have received a copy of the permit letter.***

Signature of Property Owner: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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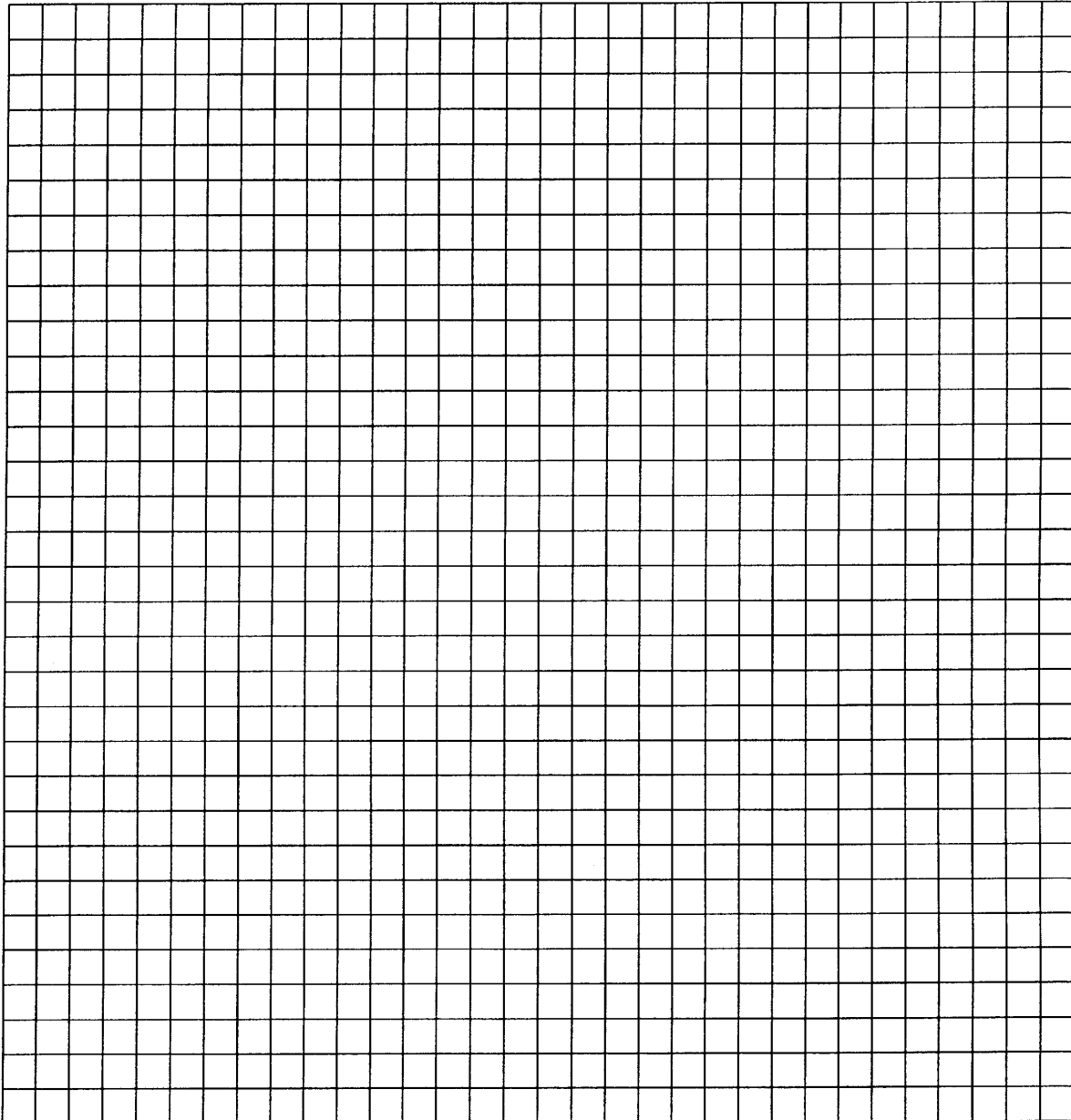
TREE LOCATION SITE PLAN

Scale (distance or feet per square) _____

Prepared by: _____

Plot existing or proposed structure(s) and all proposed trees for removal. If certain trees are proposed to be retained near the trees proposed to be removed, please show trees to be retained and annotate which trees are to be removed and which trees are to be retained. Show dimensions from the property lines, streets, right-of-ways, and existing structures.

Please indicate orientation by using the word NORTH on site plan.



Tree Protection Notes

ALL PROTECTED TREES, PRESERVED UNDERSTORY, AND OTHER VEGETATION DESIRED FOR PROTECTION SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM INJURY DURING ANY LAND CLEARING AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER :

1. A TEMPORARY BARRIER SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT ANY DISTURBANCE OF THE SOIL A MINIMUM OF (6) SIX FEET FROM THE TRUNK OR HALF THE DISTANCE FROM THE TRUNK TO THE DRIP LINE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. THE BARRIER SHALL REMAIN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. SEE DETAIL.
2. WHEN PREPARING PROPOSED LANDSCAPE BEDS, DO NOT TILL WITHIN THE DRIP LINE OF EXISTING VEGETATION.
3. THE PROTECTED AREA SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ITS ORIGINAL GRADE, WITH NO STORAGE OF FILL, COMPACTION OF SOIL OR TRENCHING OR CUTTING OF TREE ROOTS. IN NO EVENT SHALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT ENTER THE PROTECTED AREA.
4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT CAUSE OR ALLOW THE CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT, STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS SUCH AS PAINTS, SOLVENTS, ASPHALT, CONCRETE, OR ANY MATERIAL THAT CAN DAMAGE THE HEALTH OF VEGETATION WITHIN THE DRIP LINE OF PROTECTED VEGETATION.
5. NO ATTACHMENT OF WIRES (EXCLUSIVE OF PROTECTIVE GUIDE WIRES), SIGNS, OR PERMITS SHALL BE FASTENED TO VEGETATION WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA.
6. ALL CLEARING AND GRUBBING WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA SHALL BE DONE WITH HAND TOOLS ONLY AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.

BRANCH TRIMMING,
SEE NOTE I.

Branch Trimming Notes

1. IF TREE BRANCHES MUST BE CUT:
 - A. CUT PART WAY THROUGH BRANCH AT "A".
 - B. CUT BRANCH OFF AT "B"
 - C. MAKE FINAL CUT AT "C".
2. PROTECT ALL TREES FROM CONSTRUCTION DAMAGE. WHEN TREE ROOTS MUST BE CUT, MAKE CLEAN CUTS, DO NOT RIP OR PULL ON ROOTS.

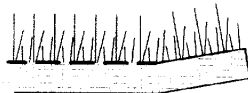
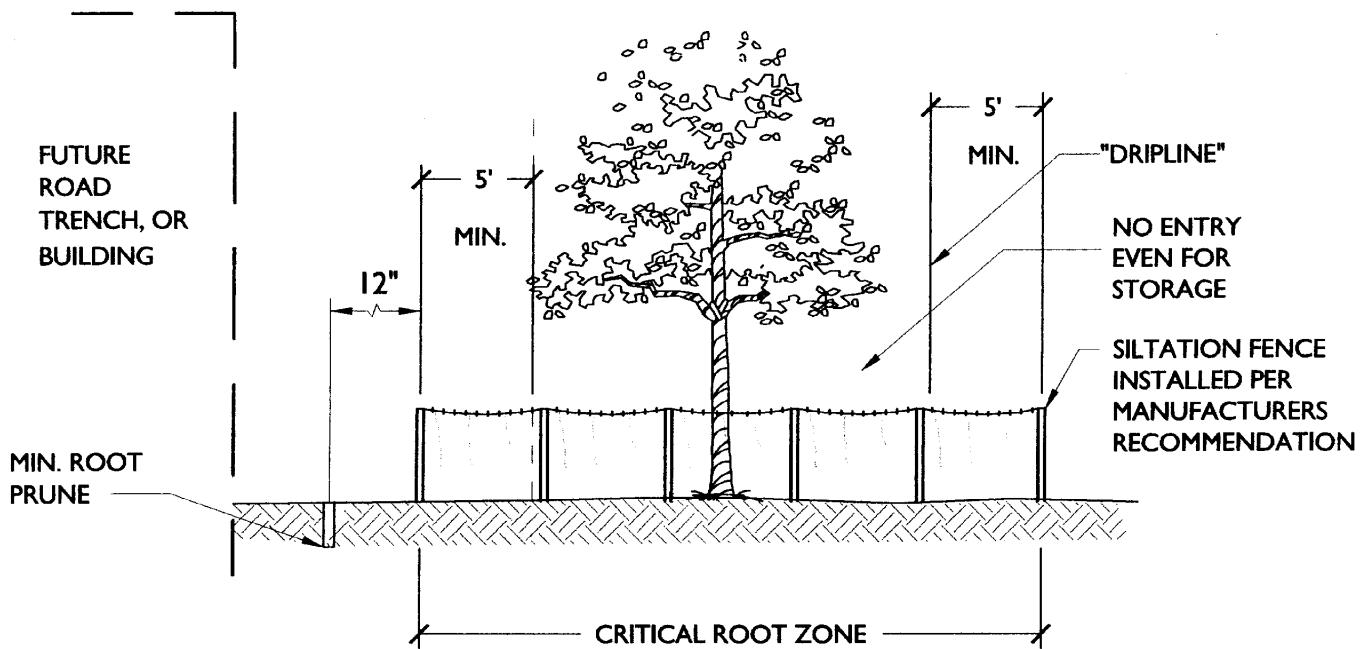


EXHIBIT FOR :

Straus Park: Tree Trimming and Pruning Requirements

SCALE : REFER TO DRAWING



Tree Protection Procedures

1. PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

- A) FENCE SPECIMEN TREES AND GROUPS OF TREES. WHERE ROOT LOSS WILL OCCUR, ROOT PRUNE ONE FOOT BEYOND THE FENCE USING A VIBRATING KNIFE OR NARROW TRENCHER-ALWAYS WITH SHARP BLADES TO MAKE CLEAN CUTS. BACKFILL TRENCH IMMEDIATELY AND COVER WITH 3 INCHES OF MULCH.
- B) INSTALL SILTATION FENCES TO KEEP SOIL FROM DISTURBED AREAS OUT OF THE ROOT ZONES OF TREES TO BE SAVED.
- C) PLACE SIGNS TO DESIGNATE THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE AREA. INCLUDE "NO PARKING OR STORAGE OF MATERIAL IN THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE AREA".
- D) DEEP WATER THE TREES CRITICAL ROOT ZONE ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS.

2. POST-CONSTRUCTION:

- A) REMOVE FENCES AND SIGNS.
- B) WATER AND FERTILIZE AS NECESSARY.

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