

### ADDENDUM CITY OF SAN JOSE STREET TREE DISCLOSURE FORM

The City of San Jose ("City") requires the seller or transferor of residential real property ("Property") in the City to disclose to the acquirer of the Property whether the Property fully complies with the City's requirements to have, maintain and if necessary, replace street trees pursuant to the San Jose Municipal Code ("SJMC").

**13.28.195 Disclosure Obligations Upon Sale or Transfer of a Residential Real Property**

- A. Not less than seven (7) business days before the sale or other transfer of residential real property concludes a selling or transferring property owner must disclose to the acquiring property owner, on a disclosure form provided by the City, whether the residential real property to be sold or transferred fully complies with the City's street tree maintenance and replacement requirements of Sections 13.28.130.B and 13.28.190.
- B. If the selling or transferring property owner cannot determine whether street trees located on the residential property are substantially in compliance with the approved development permits for the property, or the property's approved development permits are inconclusive as to the requirements for the presence and location of street trees on the property, then the following requirements for the planting and presence of street trees shall apply:
  - 1. The property must have one (1) street tree for any adjacent street if it is an interior lot and at least three (3) street trees if it is a corner lot, unless otherwise modified by the Director in the interest of public safety.
  - 2. If the current General Plan requirements for street trees on the property differ from the requirements specified in Subsection B.1, then the current General Plan requirements shall govern the number and location of street trees required on the property at the time of sale or transfer. If the property meets the General Plan requirement, then the selling property owner must indicate such compliance with the General Plan on the disclosure to the acquiring property owner.
  - 3. All street trees shall be planted in accordance with the requirements of Section 13.28.070.
- C. Upon a written request, the Director may grant the selling or transferring property owner an exemption in writing from the requirements of this Section if the Director determines in the interest of public safety that planting and maintaining street trees on the residential property at the time of sale or transfer is not appropriate. Such an exemption does not run with the land and shall not allow any deviations from the disclosure requirements upon residential real property sales or transfers for future sellers or transferors.

**To the best of my/our knowledge but without any investigation, I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_ disclose that the street tree(s) on the Property to be sold or transferred and located at 3660 LARRY CT San Jose, CA 95121 are in the following condition:**

- 1. The property fully complies with the street tree requirements outlined in the SJMC.
- 2. The property does not have the required number of street trees as required by the SJMC.
- 3. The property has the required number of street trees but the street trees have not been maintained as required by the SJMC.
- 4. Seller/Transferor is unaware if the requirements to have and maintain street trees on the Property have been met.

**Property Address: 3660 LARRY CT San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA 95121**

Seller: DocuSigned by:  
*Ramona E. Trujillo*  
47A879F34B8D45 \_\_\_\_\_ Ramona E. Trujillo \_\_\_\_\_ 3/12/2021  
Signature(s) Print Name(s) Date

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this document.

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) Print Name(s) Date

## ABOUT THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ STREET TREE ORDINANCE

Two changes to San José's Street Tree Ordinance took effect in August 2003 that affect all San José property owners. Street trees are along the street, usually between the curb and sidewalk, and it is the responsibility of property owners to maintain street trees adjacent to their property.

### **Tree Pruning**

The first change allows pruning of street trees without a permit, if the property owner uses a tree service company that has registered with the City of San José Department of Transportation. Companies that have registered with the City agree to abide by the City's tree pruning standards. A list of currently registered tree companies can be obtained by calling the City Arborist Office at (408) 277-2762, or by accessing the link on the City of San José website at: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6692>. A trimming permit is not required when addressing an immediate dangerous public safety condition involving a tree. The City Arborist Office, however, does need to be notified of such emergency pruning work within two business days.

### **Seller Disclosure Requirement**

The second change to the ordinance requires a disclosure when residential property within San José is sold. San José requires street trees in the public right of way. For corner lots, the standard is a minimum of three street trees, while for interior lots between the corners of a block the standard is at least one tree in the right-of-way. Along with other disclosures that are made during the sale, the seller must disclose to the buyer the status of the property's compliance with the street trees requirement.

If the property owner feels that, for reasons of public safety, there are conditions that may prevent the planting of any of these trees, the property owner can contact the City Arborist Office at (408) 277-2762 to have the situation evaluated.

The City of San José's office called "Our City Forest" is a one-stop resource for residents to obtain planting permits, information about the types of street trees, and planting materials, including trees, stakes and root barriers. Our City Forest also provides planting assistance, if needed, as well as information on proper watering and tree care methods. For more information, contact Our City Forest at (408) 998-7337. Street tree planting permits are also available from the City Arborist Office.

Residents having questions about changes to the Street Tree Ordinance should contact the City of San José Department of Transportation Arborist Office at (408) 277-2762.

(Information provided by the City of San José, California)