

# ALTERNATIVE METHODS OR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS REQUEST

**Engineering Design Standards** 

This request must be filled out completely for the City to consider any deviations from their design standards and requirements for engineering design. Please be aware the City of Puyallup's design standards are <u>MINIMUM</u> requirements. These requirements are considered by the City as fair, reasonable and promote public safety. The applicant is obligated to convince City staff this request is necessary, justifiable, and will not reduce public safety. To be granted, all departments must be in agreement.

When preparing this application, please print or type the reply to each question. Incomplete applications will delay the timeliness of the review. This application is the sole basis for approval of deviations from standards. include any and all supporting documentation to the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Engineering Services at (253) 864-4165. *Application Fee:* \$250.00

OWNER Name: Dos Lagos Asset, LLC Address: 810 E. Pico Blvd, Unit B24 City St Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90021 Contact No: 213-614-8887 Email: akang@drc-eng.com	APPLICANT Name: Leroy Surveyors & Engineers - Damon DeRosa, PE Address: 12815 Canyon Rd., Suite F City St Zip: Puyallup, 98373 Contact No: 253-848-6608 Email: DDeRosa@lseinc.com			
ENGINEER/ARCHITECT  Name: Leroy Surveyors & Engineers - Damon DeRosa, PE  Address: 12815 Canyon Rd., Suite F  City St Zip: Puyallup, 98373  Contact No: 253-848-6608  Email: DDeRosa@Iseinc.com	CONTRACTOR  Name: N/A  Address:  City St Zip:  Contact No:  Email:			
SITE ADDRESS: 4202 5th St SE & 405 39th Ave SE PARCEL NO: 0419106030/0419106028 ZONING: UCX  PROJECT NAME: Dos Lagos  LAND USE APPLICATION #: P-21-0099 & P-21-0100 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION #: N/A				
Signature of Applicant:	Date 9/9/22			

referenced within items 1-9. 1. Describe the proposed modification (from what requirements are you seeking relief?). 2. Describe how the proposed modification is based on sound engineering principles. (Granting the modification will not result in risk or harm to the public related to storm drainage, traffic, water, sanitary sewer, transportation, fire protection or structural matters). 3. Describe how a strict application of the requirement would impose an undue hardship on the applicant. 4. Describe how the requirements for safety, environmental considerations, function, appearance and maintainability would be fully met, assuming the granting of your request. 5. Describe how the granting of the modification provides adequate protection of the public health, safety and welfare. 6. Does this request require different maintenance cycles, equipment or skills? 7. Does this request provide for a service life equal to or greater than the City requirement? 8. Describe how the granting of the modification will be in the best interest of the public? 9. List reports, supporting documents and attachments accompanying this request:

Items 1-9 are issues and concerns that must be addressed by the applicant. If additional reports, supporting documents and attachments are necessary to clarify/support this request, material shall be listed in item 9 and

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Conditions:  Planning will support reducing the 18 feet of frontage zone improvements (standard 10 foot planter strip and 8 sidewalk) down to 12 feet of frontage sidewalk, with 4 foot X 10 foot street tree cutouts within the sidewalk area. That will provide the benefit of 8 foot walk at each street tree cut out and a wider planter cut out. Silva cells (or equiv.) to provide root pathways to soil areas back of walk need to be provided for the entire width of the 4 foot cutouts and the entire depth of the sidewalk behind each street tree.				
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Dos Lagos Project LS&E Job No. 12896

September 9, 2022

**RE: Dos Lagos Project** 

Parcel Nos. 0419106030 and 0419106028

Site Addresses: 4202 5th St SE and 405 39th Ave SE

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#### Introduction

As part of the Alternative Methods Request, the Engineer has noted potential concerns regarding the request (Items 1-9) and provided response below.

#### Items 1-9

1. Describe the proposed modification (from what requirements are you seeking relief?).

Required 5<sup>th</sup> St SE improvements include a 10 ft planter strip and 8 ft sidewalk per City Standard 01.01.06. The project proposes to revise the frontage improvements along 5<sup>th</sup> St SE to be a 12 ft sidewalk width with 4 ft Street Tree Planter Blockouts for a functional sidewalk width of 8 ft.

2. Describe how the proposed modification is based on sound engineering principles. (Granting the modification will not result in risk or harm to the public related to storm drainage, traffic, water, sanitary sewer, transportation, fire protection or structural matters).

The revised frontage improvements would allow the frontage improvements from the current project to match the frontage improvements installed as part of the neighboring Affinity Project (Parcels #0419102121 and 0419102122) which occurred along the eastern side of 5th St SE. Granting the request would not result in risk or harm to the public related to the storm drainage, water, sanitary sewer, fire protection or structural matters. Storm drainage design for the full project site will still need to meet the current stormwater manual regardless of the frontage improvement design. Water and Sewer will remain unchanged with the proposed improvement versus the required improvements. Traffic and transportation within the roadway will remain unchanged, although having a wider walking width up against the roadway would be beneficial for any future bus drop off/pick up (It would not require a concrete walking pad through the planter strip). Fire protection and structural elements will remain unchanged.

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3. Describe how a strict application of the requirement would impose an undue hardship on the applicant.

A strict application of the requirement would necessitate a ROW dedication of 5-10 feet, which would severally impact the buildable areas of the subject parcels. The buildable area is already very confined since the area is zoned such that all required design/parking elements barely fit on-site with the proposed apartment building.

4. Describe how the requirements for safety, environmental considerations, function, appearance and maintainability would be fully met, assuming the granting of your request.

Granting the request would replace the 10 ft planter strip with Street Tree Planter Blockouts, reducing the required maintenance for the City. Furthermore, granting this request would allow 5th St SE to maintain a consistent appearance, with the improvements on the western side of 5th St SE matching the improvements constructed on the Eastern side of 5th St SE. The difference between having a 10 ft planter strip vs a 4 ft planter blockout would not increase risk to public safety or to the environment and functionality would not be affected by granting this request.

2x4 cutout is not acceptable

5. Describe how the granting of the modification provides adequate protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

The street trees cutouts maintain separation between the sidewalk and the street, maintaining equivalent pedestrian safety as part of this request.

- 6. Does this request require different maintenance cycles, equipment or skills?

  Granting the request would replace the 10 ft planter strip with 2ft x 4ft cutouts for street trees, reducing the required maintenance for the City. The City would not need to mow grass or continually weed/bark within the 10 foot buffer
- 7. Does this request provide for a service life equal to or greater than the City requirement?

The service life of the proposed frontage improvements would be extended as the tree planter blockout is more a protection element for the road and sidewalk to confine the root structure instead of landscape buffer/planter strip root structure that is not as confined.

8. Describe how the granting of the modification will be in the best interest of the public?

Granting this request would allow improvements along 5th St SE to maintain a consistent aesthetically pleasing appearance and will be in line with the improvements constructed across the street. As previously mentioned, there would be less ongoing maintenance cost along with an extended service life.

Maintenace beyond back of curb is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Surveying • Engineering • Geology • Septic Design • GPS • GIS Mapping

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- 9. List reports, supporting documents and attachments accompanying this request:
  - The following supporting items have been included with this submittal within the appendix:
  - -Email Communications with Hans Hunger regarding this request
  - -Street Tree Planter Detail from Hans Hunger

If you have any questions or need information, please contact me at 253-848-6608 xt 102 or by e-mail at DDeRosa@lseinc.com

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy Surveyors & Engineers, Inc.

Damon DeRosa, P.E. Cor Kruithof III, EIT

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### **APPENDIX**

Email Communications with Hans Hunger Street Tree Planter Detail From: <u>Damon DeRosa</u>

To: Wendy Garrison; epeterson@cdpcinc.com; Alex Kang; Steve Nelson; Cor Kruithof; LES SEIFERT

**Subject:** FW: Puyallup Mixed Use Project Preapp Comments **Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 8:31:51 AM

Attachments: 01.02.04 STREET TREE PLANTER BLOCKOUTS FOR SIDEWALKS Modified.pdf

From: Hans Hunger < HHunger@PuyallupWA.gov>Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:54 PMTo: Damon DeRosa < DDeRosa@Iseinc.com>Cc: Bryan Roberts < BRoberts@PuyallupWA.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Puyallup Mixed Use Project Preapp Comments

#### Damon,

I'm following up on the below email for the proposed frontage of this development. I've attached a draft of an updated detail for Street Tree with Planter Block out which shows 8ft wide rather than 6ft sidewalk behind the block outs for a total of 12ft width. This is still reduces the width of frontage by 6 ft from the (10ft planter strip + 8ft sidewalk) outlined in the city standards for arterials located in pedestrian oriented zones. The 12ft total width also accommodates the Silva cells dimensions of 2ftX4ft allowing the entire width of the sidewalk for tree growth.

Let me know if this modification causes any design issues for you and we can talk.

#### Thanks

#### Hans Hunger, P.E. | City Engineer

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#### hhunger@PuyallupWA.gov

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From: Hans Hunger

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:00 PMTo: Damon DeRosa < DDeRosa@lseinc.com >Cc: Bryan Roberts < BRoberts@PuyallupWA.gov >

**Subject:** RE: Puyallup Mixed Use Project Preapp Comments

Yes, it led to a discussion of a modified standard of 10 foot wide sidewalks next to curb with 4' X 10' cut outs for street trees. This was what was required for Affinity development on east side of 5<sup>th</sup>. These would use silva cells for tree root protection. Still more discussion needed on configuration of

silva cells. See the attached detail but using 10-ft instead of 8-ft for the sidewalk width.

None of this is set in stone and Bryan Roberts was looking into the R/W width that will be required. Then we were going to reach out to you to discuss.

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From: Damon DeRosa < <u>DDeRosa@lseinc.com</u>>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Hans Hunger < <u>HHunger@PuvallupWA.gov</u>>

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Were you able to meet with staff?

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**From:** Hans Hunger < HHunger@PuyallupWA.gov >

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:07 AM

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**Cc:** Bryan Roberts < <u>BRoberts@PuyallupWA.gov</u>>; Chris Beale < <u>CBeale@PuyallupWA.gov</u>>; Aaron Van Aken < <u>avanaken@heathtraffic.com</u>>; LES SEIFERT < <u>les@ronhovdearchitects.com</u>>; Mark Higginson < <u>MHigginson@PuyallupWA.gov</u>>

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Bryan, how about I schedule a quick huddle today for city staff to discuss the merits of keeping or deviating from the standards? I could make 2:30pm work.

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**From:** Alex Kang <alexkangrealestate@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:17 PM **To:** Damon DeRosa < <u>DDeRosa@lseinc.com</u>>

**Cc:** Bryan Roberts < BRoberts@PuyallupWA.gov>; Chris Beale < CBeale@PuyallupWA.gov>; Hans Hunger < HHunger@PuyallupWA.gov>; Aaron Van Aken < avanaken@heathtraffic.com>; LES SEIFERT < les@ronhovdearchitects.com>; Mark Higginson < MHigginson@PuyallupWA.gov>

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Hi Bryan,

Is there any update for Damon for what we need for the planter strip requirements? We're currently blocked on updating our site plan design until we have some sort of resolution on this subject.

Thank you for your time

On Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 3:24 PM Damon DeRosa < <u>DDeRosa@lseinc.com</u>> wrote:

HI Bryan

I haven't received a response from you on this issue. Can you please respond – we are in the process of finalizing our layout and we don't feel the planter strip is necessary given the characteristics and existing infrastructure of the surrounding area.

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From: Damon DeRosa

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 12:25 PM

**To:** Bryan Roberts < <u>BRoberts@PuvallupWA.gov</u>>

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Thanks Bryan

So the 10 foot planter strip is a recent requirement? We are concerned along 5<sup>th</sup> street that we wont be able to accommodate the 10' wide planter strip and I am really wondering why the City would want a planter strip when everything else in the vicinity is just single ribbon.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:50 AM **To:** Damon DeRosa < <u>DDeRosa@lseinc.com</u>>

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Hi Damon,

Our current engineering standards require 10ft planter strips along arterial roadways. The recent developments along the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> St SE constructed a shared use path as required per our active transportation plan. What recent City projects are you referring to? Per the preapplication notes, you would not be required to re-construct frontage where curb/gutter/sidewalk already exist. Please let me know if you have any questions.

#### Bryan Roberts, P.E.

**Traffic Engineer D** 253-841-5542 **M** 253-278-1156 **City of Puyallup** 

From: Damon DeRosa < <u>DDeRosa@lseinc.com</u>>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Bryan Roberts < <u>BRoberts@PuyallupWA.gov</u>>

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#### Hi Bryan

I would like to have discussion about this City's requirement for a 10' planter strip. Presently, there are no planter strips (double ribbon) in between the curb and sidewalk in the vicinity. These include recently constructed improvements by the City and other developers. I am not sure why we would be singled out to construct something completely different. This would severely impact our development plan as it would necessitate dedication of 5-10' of R/W.

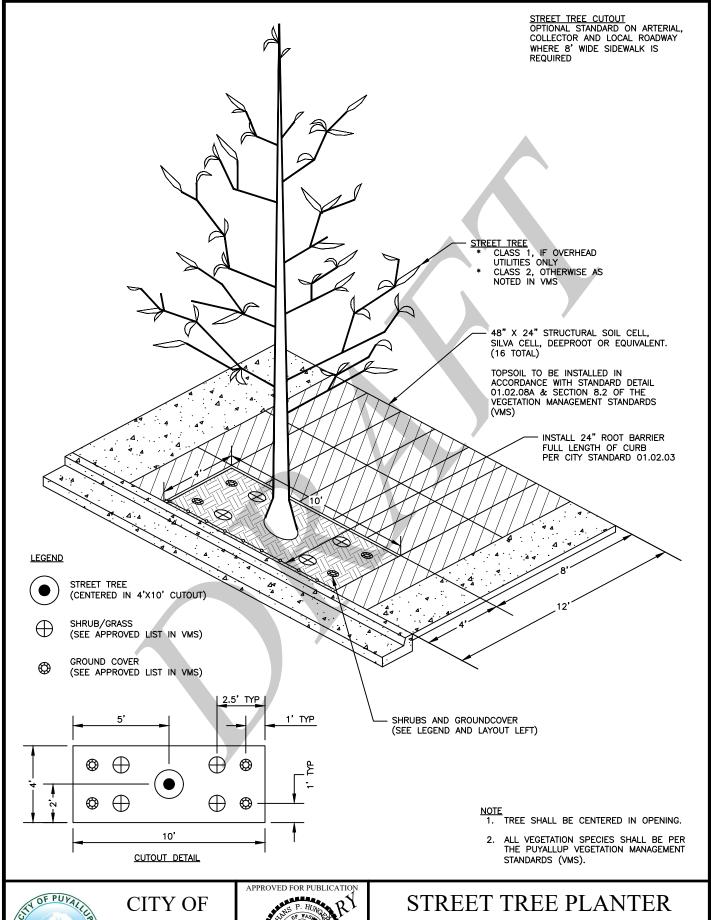
Can you please let us know why this is required and why the City and/or other developers were able to eliminate this improvement? Was it an AMR, etc?

#### **Thanks**

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