



**Mariah Thomas Property
Critical Areas Exemption, Type I
Notice of Decision**
Public Works Department
210 East 4th Street
La Center, WA 98629

Date: November 2, 2022

Site Address: 975 NW Pacific Highway, La Center, WA 98629
Parcel: 62965099

Project Description: The applicant proposes to remove eight dead or dying cottonwood trees on the subject property. The trees are located adjacent to a wetland or wetland buffer area within Tract A that is noted is a wetland mitigation area recorded as part of the Hannah's Farm Subdivision to the north. Removal of the trees is subject to applicable critical areas provisions. La Center Municipal Code (LCMC 18.300.070) provides a critical areas exemption for "emergency or hazard tree removal conducted so that habitat impacts are minimized." The applicant has supplied an arborist report noting the trees are dead or dying and pose a hazard to people or structures and should be removed. The applicant proposes to plant Western Red Cedar trees to replace the trees removed. Therefore, the trees qualify for the hazard removal exemption provision noted above. LCMC 18.300.070 provides that the planning director can approve exemptions.

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New Day Arborist
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Ridgefield, WA 98642

Applicant: Mariah Thomas
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The City's planning consultant (WSP USA Inc.) and engineering staff received application materials for the proposed Type I Critical Areas Exemption. We are writing to notify you that the application is **approved subject to the following conditions of approval:**

I. Planning Conditions


1. When removing the eight cottonwood trees and planting the new Western Red Cedar trees, the applicant shall use erosion control best management practices such as straw mulching to disturbed areas to prevent runoff from reaching the wetland.

II. Engineering Conditions

2. The branches or trees removed shall not be placed in the natural drainage course draining to the 12-inch diameter storm drain culvert that is underneath 10th Avenue.
3. Western Red Cedars planted for replacement of the removed cottonwood trees must be planted on the applicant's property, so that they do not impact the drainage.

APPEALS

The applicant, applicant's representative, or any person, agency or firm with an interest in the matter may appeal the Critical areas exemption. The appellant shall file the appeal together with the requisite fee and information within 14 calendar days of the date of the decision being appealed. (18.030.130 LCMC.)

Signed:  Date: 11/2/2022
Bryan Kast, P.E., Public Works Director

Signed:  Date: 11/2/2022
Anthony Cooper, P.E., City Engineer