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AFFIDAVIT FOR HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL
ORDINANCE NO. 4531

Definitions as provided in Ordinance No. 4531 and applicable to this form:

“Hazardous Tree Removal” refers to removal of dead, diseased or hazardous trees greater than 12 inches in diameter at breast height, where the Fall Zone of the tree includes an inhabited structure or its parking area (excluding driveways where no parking occurs). The determination of whether a tree is dead, diseased or hazardous shall be made by the property owner, taking into consideration the following factors:

1. The health of the tree, including its general vigor;
2. The presence and extent of disease, insects, or other pathogenic organisms;
3. The structure and shape of the tree, including its root system;
4. The presence of any physical defect, such as splitting, broken limbs, etc.;
5. The soil and slope conditions in the vicinity of the tree, including any evidence of erosion and/or upheaval;
6. The degree of lean from vertical;
7. The exposure of the tree to the predominant wind direction.

“Fall Zone” refers to the area surrounding a tree that may be affected or damaged if a tree were to fall based upon the height of the tree.

To be completed by Property Owner or Authorized Agent

Property Address: _____

Assessor Parcel Number (APN): _____

Describe the proposed Hazardous Tree Removal, including which of the seven Hazardous Tree Removal factors, as defined above, are applicable to the proposed Hazardous Tree Removal (this information may also be provided on attachments):

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the following information is true and correct:

1. I am the property owner of record or have a signed agent authorization form from the property owner of record.

If authorized agent, a copy of the agent authorization form must be attached to this Affidavit.

2. The tree removal is Hazardous Tree Removal, as defined above.
3. The Hazardous Tree Removal is for life, safety, and/or structure protection.
4. The Hazardous Tree Removal will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species.

5. The Hazardous Tree Removal will not result in significant erosion and/or sedimentation of surface waters.
6. The Hazardous Tree Removal will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern that has been designed, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state or local agencies.
7. The Hazardous Tree Removal is consistent with Ordinance No. 4531.
8. I have or will obtain all required permits for the Hazardous Tree Removal from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CALFIRE"), if required.
9. I understand that other than the permit requirements exempted from by Ordinance No. 4531, all Hazardous Tree Removal must comply with federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to the Federal Endangered Species Act, the California Endangered Species Act, CALFIRE regulations, encroachment permit requirements of the County or the State and building codes, as applicable.
10. I have attached photographs of the trees to be removed to this form.
11. I agree to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the County of Mendocino, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions, from any claim, demands, damages, costs, liabilities and losses whatsoever, including but not limited to attorney fees or expert witness fees, alleged to be occurring or resulting in connection with any Hazardous Tree Removal performed on my property.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the individual signing this Affidavit is not the property owner, an agent authorization form must be attached that is signed by the property owner of record in order for this Affidavit to be considered valid.

Required Attachment:

Photographs of the proposed removal

Total number of pages attached (not including Affidavit): _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

1. Stamp received inside box
2. File in Address file
3. Attach to TRAKiT in LandTRAK

The Received Stamp does not indicate review or approval by Planning and Building Services.

