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**RECORD OF VIEWS
(PER LBMC 12.16.040 "VIEW PRESERVATION")**

Establishment of a Protected or Preserved View. A property owner may establish a protected or preserved view from a property owner's selected viewing locations (defined in Section 12.16.020) by filing for a record of views with the City. Once a record of views is established by the City pursuant to LBMC 12.16.040(b), the protected or preserved views shall not become subject to significant view impairment. Established record of views may not be changed unilaterally by the property owner; provided, however, that upon application by the property owner to do so, the City may change an established record of views in the event there is a subsequent remodel or physical change to the selected viewing locations or areas. **The record of views does not establish maximum height limits on vegetation in the visual scene; rather it shall serve as a benchmark for determining significant view impairment in the future.** Pursuant to Section 12.16.010(b), it is a purpose of this chapter to establish a right for property owners to determine and to preserve those selected viewing locations or areas from significant or egregious view impairment by the growth of trees or other vegetation. Refer to Laguna Beach Municipal Code Chapter 12.16 for a full description and definitions of the View Preservation process.

FEE: \$794

Noticing Requirements: Applicants must provide a public noticing list and a set of addressed, stamped envelopes for all affected parcels/property owners in the view corridor within 500 feet of the applicant's property. The list must be compiled from the latest equalized assessment rolls by a professional listing service and submitted by the listing service directly to the City.

FEE: Determined by (and paid directly to) noticing list agency.

APPLICANT (PROPERTY OWNER) INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No. (Home/Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby certify that all of the above information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correctly represented. I/We am/are the record owner(s) of the property described in this view claim, and hereby consent to its filing with the City of Laguna Beach.

I acknowledge that City staff must confirm that a significant view impairment of an established Record of Views exists prior to the City informing the affected vegetation owner of any potential view restoration order. Determination of significant view impairment is based on the criteria set forth in L.B.M.C. 12.16.030.

Property Owner's Signature

Date



LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 12.16 VIEW PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

12.16.040 View preservation.

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(b) Record of Views. Upon the filing for a record of views, city staff shall conduct a site visit and photographically document the significantly unimpaired view of the property owner from the property owner's selected viewing locations or areas. A record of views shall be prepared, maintained in the applicable property address files, and noted in any real property report required by Chapter 14.76. Staff shall send written notice to affected vegetation property owners within five hundred feet informing them of the record of views and their associated maintenance responsibilities.

(c) Record of Views Enforcement Procedure. If a significant view impairment of an established record of views occurs, the property owner shall notify the city. If a significant view impairment is confirmed, city staff shall inform the affected vegetation owner(s) of a potential view restoration order and allow the vegetation owner thirty days to perform the necessary restorative action.

If the vegetation owner(s) does not perform the necessary restorative action, then the city may issue a view restoration order and require the restorative action to be completed within ninety days. If compliance is not obtained within ninety days, then the noncomplying vegetation may be declared to be a public nuisance, and the procedures of Chapter 7.24 shall be followed, including the issuance of a formal notice and order to abate.

Any determination of a significant view impairment decision made by city staff may be appealed to the city council. Appeals shall be addressed to the city council on a form prescribed by the city and shall state all grounds for the appeal. Any appeal must be filed with the city clerk within fourteen calendar days of the notice to the vegetation owner regarding the required restorative action. Appeals shall be accompanied by the filing fee as adopted by resolution of the city council. The city manager shall set the date for an appeal public hearing before the city council and shall not be limited by the time period specified in Section 25.05.070(B)(6). Notice shall be provided to the claimant and the record owners and occupants of all properties on which the vegetation at issue in the significant view impairment decision fourteen calendar days prior to the date of the city council hearing of the appeal. If an appeal to the city council is filed and is heard and decided by the city council, then the nuisance abatement appeal provisions (Sections 7.24.090 through 7.24.110) shall not be applicable. (Ord. 1592 § 1, 2014).

View Preservation Process

