SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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ORDINANCE NO. 26

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SUBDIVISION, VACATION AND DEVELOP-MENT OF LAND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS, NEW MEXICO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as "The Subdivision Regulations of the Village of Tijeras" and is referred to elsewhere herein as "these Regulations." The Village of Tijeras shall hereinafter be referred to as "the Village".

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

- Authority. These Regulations are created pursuant to enabling legislation Section 3-19-6 New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978.
- Jurisdiction. These Regulations are designed to В. accomplish the procedures for the processing, consideration, and filing of plats lying within the corporate boundaries of the Village and/or within a radius of three miles from the Village boundaries, which area is the Village planning and platting jurisdiction pursuant to Section 3-19-5 and Section 3-20-5 N.M.S.A., 1978. No subdivision of any land shall hereinafter be effected within the Village area of jurisdiction except in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE

These Regulations are intended to create orderly, harmonious, and economically sound development of land in order to establish conditions favorable to the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of citizens of the Village and its area of jurisdiction. More specifically, provisions of these Regulations are designed to achieve adequate provision for light and air, public open spaces, water supply, drainage, sanitation including sewer facilities; economy in governmental expenditures and efficiency in governmental operations; safe convenient circulation of people, goods, and vehicles; accurate and complete surveying, and preparation and recording of plats thereof; safety and suitability of land for contemplated development; and coordination of land development in accordance with orderly physical patterns as stated in official plans, policies, and such

ordinances and codes in furtherance of plans and policies as may have been or may be hereafter adopted by the Village.

SECTION 4. INTERPRETATION

These Regulations are held to be minimum requirements to carry out the purpose stated herein and are not intended to interfere with any other laws, covenants, or ordinances. Whenever any of the provisions of these Regulations are more or less restrictive than other laws, covenants, or ordinances, then whichever is more restrictive shall govern.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS

- A. Word Forms. Unless a contrary intention clearly appears, words used in the present tense include the future tense, and words used in the future tense include the present tense; the singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular; the word "may" is permissive, and the words "shall" and "will" are mandatory, subject to specific exceptions allowed by these Regulations.
- B. Definitions. The following definitions apply:
 - ALLEY means a public thoroughfare which affords only a secondary means of access to abutting property.
 - 2. BLOCK means property bounded on one side by a street and on the other sides by a street, rail-road right-of-way, waterway, unsubdivided areas, or other definite barriers.
 - 3. CENTERLINE means the line halfway between the street right-of-way lines.
 - 4. VILLAGE CLERK means the chief administrative officer of the Village as so designated by the Village Council.
 - 5. CUL DE SAC means a short street intersecting another street and terminating in a vehicular turnaround.
 - 6. EASEMENT means an acquired or granted right of use which one person may have in the land of another.
 - 7. ENGINEER means an engineer registered in accordance with the laws of New Mexico, and authorized by the Village to perform work as necessary.
 - 8. FUTURE STREET LINE means a line, established by the Village Council, running more or less parallel to the centerline of an existing or proposed

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street for the purpose of delineating the future boundaries of public right-of-way.

- 9. LOT means a tract or parcel of land platted and placed on the Bernalillo County Clerk's record in accordance with the laws and ordinances, generally as a portion of a subdivision intended for development purposes.
- 10. MASTER PLAN means a comprehensive plan or any of its parts, adopted by the Village Council, for the physical development of the area within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the Village for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing coordinated and harmonious development.
- 11. MONUMENT means one or more of the following:
 - a. BENCHMARK--a brass cap, set in a base which meets Village standards, with the elevation (mean sea level datum, 1929) and the land surveyor's registration number inscribed thereon.
 - b. PERMANENT SURVEY MONUMENT—a brass cap set in a base which meets Village standards, or a standard B.L.M. monument marking sectionalized corners, containing coordinates referenced to the New Mexico Coordinate System and the land surveyor's registration number inscribed thereon.
 - c. SUBDIVISION CONTROL MONUMENT—a metal stake or pipe which meets Village standards, with the land surveyor's registration number affixed thereto.
- 12. PERSON means any individual, estate, trust, receiver, association, club, corporation, company, firm, or other entity.
- 13. PLANNING COMMISSION means the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village.
- 14. PLAT means a map, chart, survey, plan, or replat certified by a registered land surveyor which contains a description of subdivided land with ties to permanent survey monuments, said plat to be placed on record.
- 15. REPLAT means to prepare and record a new plat replacing all or a portion of a previously recorded plat that has been vacated.
- 16. SKETCH PLAN means a preliminary sketch drawing of a subdivision plat conforming with the requirements stated herein, and used in the

preapplication procedure prior to submission of the preliminary plat.

- 17. STREET means property acquired or dedicated to and accepted by the Village as right-of-way, other than an alley, for the principal means of public access to abutting property. The term includes the following:
 - a. ARTERIAL STREET--a street which is designed and used primarily for serving large volumes of traffic.
 - b. COLLECTOR STREET--a street which carries traffic from local streets to the arterial streets and highways.
 - c. LOCAL STREET--a street which is primarily for access to abutting properties and carries low volume traffic.
- 18. SUBDIVIDER means any person creating a subdivision, including the owner, equitable owner, or any authorized representative.
- 19. SUBDIVISION means the division of any lot or tract of land into two or more parts for the purpose, whether immediate or in the future, of sale, lease, or development. Subdivision does not include the following:
 - a. Any residual land retained by the subdivider after subdivision but which has not been divided for subdivision purposes.
 - b. The sale or lease of apartments, offices, stores or similar space within a building.
 - c. Any division of land in which only gas, oil, mineral or water rights are severed from the surface ownership of the land.
 - d. Any division of land created by court order, except court orders involving land grant adjudications.
 - e. The leasing of land for grazing or farming activities.
- 20. VACATION OF PLAT means to formally remove a plat from record, as recorded in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk.

SECTION 6. GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

- A. GENERAL Every person who desires to subdivide land into two or more parts shall furnish a plat of the proposed subdivision prepared by a surveyor, registered and licensed by the State of New Mexico and shall comply with the requirements of these Regulations Upon request, the Village Clerk shall furnish the subdivider with basic informatiuon on the requirements
- B. SUBDIVISION WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE
 Any proposed subdivision, replat or vacation of plat occurring within the corporate limits of the Village shall conform to the requirements of these regulations, and shall be submitted for review and approval by the Planning Commission and Village Council prior to filing with the Bernalillo County Clerk and before beginning improvement activities or negotiating sale or lease of any lot within the proposed subdivision.
- C. SUBDIVISION OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE. Any proposed subdivision, replat, or vacation of plat occurring outside the corporate limits of the Village, but within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the Village shall conform to the requirements of these regulations as well as the provisions of the Bernalillo County Land Subdivision Regulations, and shall be submitted for concurrent review and approval by the Village Council and the Board of County Commissioners prior to filing with the Bernalillo County Clerk, before beginning improvement activities or negotiating sale or lease of any lot within the proposed subdivision.
- D. CONSIDERATIONS FOR GOOD SUBDIVISION PLATTING. In order to provide guidance to subdividers concerning acceptable proposed plats, the following matters are fundamental:
 - 1. Geographic Suitability

- a. With reference to any officially adopted plans of the Village, an area shall not be unsuited to the purposes for which it is to be subdivided.
- b. The availability of adequate paved streets, fire protection, police protection, refuse service, public schools, parks and recreation facilities, and utility services shall all be weighed in considering the subdividing of land. They are not all necessarily required.
- c. Land with the following types of problems shall have subdivision approval withheld until it is demonstrated that such hazards have been or will be eliminated:

- (1) Special drainage conditions.
- (2) Difficult topography.
- (3) Soil conditions which are unusually limiting.
- (4) Other geographic hazards to life, health, or property.

2. Grading

- a. No subdivider shall proceed with any grading specifically in relation to a proposed subdivision before conditional approval has been given for the preliminary plat by the Village Council. Such grading shall be consistent with the recommendations of an approved drainage plan, if any have been required pursuant to these Regulations.
- b. The subdivider shall preserve major trees, scenic points, historic places, and other community landmarks wherever feasible or required.

3. Area Plan

- a. If the subdivider owns or controls land contiguous to the land he wishes to subdivide immediately, the Village Council may require the subdivider to submit a proposed master plan for the total area to be approved or approved in modified form by the Village Council prior to approval of the preliminary plat. Any plat submitted shall be a reasonable planning unit in relation to the approved area plan. The proposed area plan shall show proposed use type and densities as well as proposed arterial, collector and local street alignments.
- b. If the Planning Commission finds that the area plan will significantly alter the provisions of any officially adopted plans of the Village, it shall make a recommendation to the Village Council. The Village Council shall approve, approve it in modified form, or reject it.
- c. All proposed street alignments shown in the area plan or any preliminary plat related thereto shall extend, complement, or otherwise conform to existing municipal streets and to

officially designated proposed street alignments. Likewise, shall all proposed sewer, water and drainage systems be made to extend, complement and conform to existing and proposed municipal facilities.

SECTION 7. PRE-APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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A. <u>SUBMISSION</u>. All proposed subdivisions, replats or plat vacations shall comply with the requirements of these Regulations. Whenever there is no need for dedication of streets or easements, the Village Council may waive the requirements for topography, street, utility, and storm drainage as set forth herein. However, submittal of a series of two-lot subdivisions on a tract of land will be considered a subterfuge to defeat the purpose of these Regulations and such plats shall not be approved.

Previous to the filing of an application for approval of the preliminary plat, the subdivider shall submit to the Planning Commission a sketch plan and data as specified herein. This step does not require formal application, payment of fee, or filing of a plat with the Village Council.

- The pre-application procedure affords the В. Advice. subdivider the opportunity to avail himself of the advice and assistance of the Planning Commission early and informally before preparation of the preliminary plat and before formal application for its approval. The Planning Commission may assist the subdivider in analyzing the development and plan for its sound integration with the Village, and may give informal quidance to the development at a stage when potential points of difference can be more easily resolved, thus simplifying official actions and saving unnecessary expense and delay to the subdivider. The Planning Commission shall not assume any liability for possible lack of understanding on the part of the subdivider.
- C. Review. The Planning Commission, within 30 working days of sketch plan submittal, shall inform the subdivider whether the sketch plan and data meet the intent of these Regulations. If the sketch plan and data do not meet the intent, the Planning Commission shall express the reasons therefore and advise the subdivider in bringing the proposed plan into conformance.

SECTION 8. PLANS AND DATA FOR PRE-APPLICATION

A. Location Map. A location map shall show the relationship of the proposed plat to existing community

- facilities which serve it; all abutting streets, shopping centers, schools, and parks; and north arrow.
- B. Sketch Plan. A simple sketch plan on a current topographic survey shall show the proposed layout of streets, lots, and other features in relation to existing conditions. The sketch plan may be freehand pencil sketch made directly on a print of the topographic survey.
- C. Written Information. General plat information shall list the name and address of the subdivider and his agent, if any, the total area of the proposed plat, the area of each proposed use, and a description of the existing conditions of the site and the proposed development as necessary to supplement the sketch plan. This information may include data on existing covenants and land characteristics including surface drainage, grading, landfill areas, and available private and municipal utilities. This information may also describe the subdivision proposal, such as the number and typical lot width and depth of residential lots, business area, public areas, and proposed utilities.

SECTION 9. PRELIMINARY PLAT PROCEDURE

- A. Application. Upon reaching a general understanding established by the pre-application review, the subdivider shall submit to the Planning Commission a written application on prescribed forms, together with the original and 7 copies of the preliminary plat, improvement plans and other supplementary material as specified herein. The application package shall be submitted at least 10 days prior to the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at which the plat is to be presented for review.
- B. Review. The Planning Commission shall review the required preliminary plat and supplementary material and shall request comments from Village staff and other governmental agencies as may be appropriate.
- C. Annexation and/or Re-Zoning. If annexation and/or rezoning is proposed or required to accomplish the development envisioned in connection with the plat, the Village Council shall withhold conditional approval of the preliminary plat until such time as annexation and/or rezoning shall be officially adopted by the Village Council. The Village Council shall have a written report available containing its recommendation prior to the public hearing on the annexation or rezoning.
- D. <u>Decision</u>. Following review of the required preliminary plat and other material, and following negotiations

with the subdivider on changes as may be deemed advisable, the Village Council shall, within 35 working days of receipt of the application package act thereon as submitted, or modified. However, if it is found that any agency other than the staff of the Village should be requested to review the submitted materials, the time period within which the Village Council must act may require reasonable extension. After the last opinion requested of an agency is received, the Village Council shall act on the preliminary plat within 21 working days. If the preliminary plat is approved, the Village Council shall express its conditional approval and state the conditions of such approval, if any. If the plat is disapproved, the Village Council shall express its disapproval and its reasons therefor. The action of the Village Council shall be noted on two copies of the preliminary plat, referenced and attached to any condition determined. One copy shall be returned to the subdivider and the other retained by the Village Council.

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Conditional approval of a preliminary plat shall not constitute approval of the final plat. Rather, it shall be deemed an expression of approval to the layout submitted on the preliminary plat as a guide to the preparation of the final plat.

- Public Hearing. No plat shall be acted upon without E. a public hearing. Public notice of the application shall be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village at least 15 days prior to the day of the hearing. The notice shall be published at the subdivider's expense and shall indicate the location of the proposed subdivision as well as where interested persons may examine the preliminary plat and file Notice of the time and place of the hearing comments. on the preliminary plat shall be sent by certified mail, at the subdivider's expense, to the subdivider and all property owners with property abutting the proposed subdivision not less than 15 days before the date of the hearing.
- F. Longevity. Approval of a preliminary plat is effective for one year unless extended by the Village Council, based on a finding that the delay has been unavoidable and that extension is in the public interest.

SECTION 10. PLANS AND DATA FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

A. Preliminary Plat. The subdivider shall submit the original and 7 copies of the preliminary plat to the Planning Commission. The preliminary plat shall include all land owned or controlled by the subdivider, which is or may be suitable for or susceptible to

subdivision or development, and adjoins the land proposed to be subdivided. The preliminary plat shall be drawn to a scale of 1 inch to 200 feet for the purpose of showing all details clearly. An adequate number of sheets, no larger than 24 by 36 inches, shall be used to show the proposed subdivision in its entirety. Where more than one sheet is required, each sheet shall be numbered in relation to the total number of sheets involved, and each sheet shall have a small key map showing its relationship to the whole.

- B. <u>Information</u>. The preliminary plat shall contain the following information:
 - Name of proposed subdivision, name and address of subdivider and agent; name and certification of registered licensed surveyor and any other principal persons preparing the preliminary plat.
 - 2. Scale and north arrow.

- 3. Proposed benchmark locations, proposed location of and method of tie to permanent survey monuments, and proposed location and type of subdivision control monuments. Descriptions of all monuments found or set.
- 4. Plat boundary lines: bearing in degrees, minutes, and seconds, with basis for bearings noted or shown: distances in feet and hundredths.
- 5. Existing conditions of the site and its environs including the following:
 - a. Present site designation or subdivision name.
 - b. Easements on site: Location, width, and purpose.
 - c. Public right of way on and within 150 feet of the site; name, width, type and dimensions of paving.
 - d. Utilities on and adjacent to the site: location and, if applicable, size of water wells, water reservoirs, water lines, sanitary and storm sewers; location of gas lines, fire hydrants, electric and telephone lines and poles, and street lights.
 - e. Ground elevation on the site based on mean sea level datum as established by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

- (1) For land that slopes less than 1 percent, contour lines at intervals of not more than one foot.
- (2) For land that slopes between 1 percent to 5 percent, contour lines at intervals of not more than two feet.
- (3) For land that slopes more than 5 percent, contour lines at intervals of not more than five feet.
- f. Existing storm drainage facilities on and adjacent to the site.
- g. Other significant conditions on the site: major rock outcrops, trees, structures, etc.
- h. Conditions on adjacent land significantly affecting design of the subdivision: approximate direction and gradients of ground slope; character and location of development.
- i. Zoning on and adjacent to the site.
- j. Total area of the proposed plat to the nearest one-tenth acre.
- 6. Location map showing location of the site in relation to well known landmarks, abutting property owners, and municipal boundaries.
- 7. Proposed lot lines and public right-of-way and street widths; indicate roadways intended to be private; locations of planned water wells, reservoirs, and pump stations; locations, dimensions, and purpose of all easements, public or private; rights-of-way for public services or utilities, and any limitations thereof.
- 8. Number of letter to identify each proposed lot and block.
- Locations, dimensions, approximate areas, and purposes of lots proposed to be dedicated or reserved for the public.
- 10. Sites and approximate area for any multi-family dwellings or nonresidential use.
- 11. Proposed changes to ground elevations, to standards specified herein.
- C. Storm Drainage Management. For the purpose of minimizing or eliminating damage resulting from storm

water runoff, the subdivider shall be required to furnish a plan for storm drainage management if the subdivision lies within a designated flood hazard area. Preparation of the drainage plan shall be done by a registered professional engineer and shall include the following information:

- Location of proposed lots, streets, bridges, water and erosion control structures, and utility easements in relation to the existing contours; these shall also be shown in relation to the finished contours proposed to be implemented in development of the subdivision.
- 2. Storm drainage computations showing the estimated runoff from the subdivision prior to and following completion of development.
- 3. Storm drainage computations on the surrounding areas contributing runoff that may affect the subdivision or may be affected by the subdivision.
- 4. All appropriate design details necessary to clearly explain the construction of all water control structures, utility installations and buildings as they shall be made flood proof to the extent necessary.
- Conformity to the regulations, procedures and standards as may be prescribed by local, state or federal laws.
- D. Soils Analysis. The subdivider shall provide a preliminary soils analysis by a qualified soil scientist to determine the adequacy of the soil for the proposed construction. Subdivisions reviewed by the summary procedure of these regulations may be exempt from this paragraph unless the Planning Commission determines the analysis to be in the public interest.
- E. Schedule of Development. The subdivider shall provide an estimated schedule of lot development. In particular, the schedule shall indicate when improvements will be provided.
- F. Special Problems Analysis. For land with difficult topography or other geographic hazards to life, health, or property, a report and proposed solution shall be prepared satisfactory to the Planning Commission.

SECTION 11. FINAL PLAT PROCEDURE

A. <u>Submission</u>. Application for approval of the final plat shall be submitted on prescribed forms to the Planning Commission at least 10 days prior to the meeting

at which it is to be considered. An original and 2 copies of the final plat and other required exhibits shall be submitted to the Planning Commission within 12 months following approval of the preliminary plat; otherwise such approval shall become null and void unless an extension of time has been granted by the Village Council. The final plat shall conform substantially to the preliminary plat as approved.

B. Review. The Planning Commission shall review the final plat and other exhibits submitted for conformity to these Regulations, and shall insure that the conditions of the preliminary plat as approved have been met.

C. <u>Decision</u>. If the final plat is in conformance with the preliminary plat as approved and conforms with these Regulations, it shall be approved by the Village Council.

Should the final plat be disapproved, the Village Council shall express in writing the reasons for disapproval. The reasons for disapproval shall be referenced and attached to two (2) copies of the final plat. One (1) of said copies shall be returned to the subdivider and the other shall become a part of the files of the Village Clerk's office.

Approval or disapproval shall be given within 35 working days of the date of final plat submission, unless the subdivider agrees in writing to a deferral.

If the final plat is approved by the Village Council, such approval shall be recorded on the face of the original drawing of the final plat and on two copies thereof and shall be dated and verified by the signature of the Mayor or designated representative of the Village Council.

D. Recording. The final plat is in full force and effect only after having been duly recorded in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk and copies filed with the Village Clerk. Approval of the final plat shall become null and void if the plat is not so recorded within six months after the date of approval, unless an extension of time is granted by the Village Council. Submittal for recording is the subdividers responsibility.

In the case of a replat, the subdivider shall request the Bernalillo County Clerk to mark the original plat with the words "replatted" or "partially replatted" and refer on the original plat to the filed location of the replat. The Village Council shall mark the copies of the original plat on file in the offices of the Village in a similar manner.

After having filed the original drawing of the final plat with the Bernalillo County Clerk, which copy shall be the official copy, the subdivider shall submit to the Village 2 copies of the final plat as recorded and properly stamped by the Bernalillo County Clerk. No building permits shall be issued until copies of the recording of the final plat have been placed on file with the Village.

- E. Replat. After final approval of any plat, no lot or block shall be further subdivided or the area of any platted lot diminished, and no change shall be made in the platting of any street, alley or easement established by said plat except upon the filing of a replat, showing such proposed change, or changes, with the Village Council and securing its approval in accordance with the procedures herein established. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to all proposed replats or changes in lot lines, dimensions of lots, streets, alleys and easements in any platted area within the Village planning and platting jurisdiction.
- F. Acceptance of Land. Approval of the final plat by the Village Council shall be deemed to constitute acceptance by the Village of dedication of public rights-ofway, other proposed public easements, and public areas shown on the plat, provided the final plat is properly recorded with the Bernalillo County Clerk and the Village Clerk.

SECTION 12. PLANS AND DATA FOR FINAL APPROVAL

- A. Final Plat. The subdivider shall submit the original and 2 copies of the final plat to the planning commission for review in accordance with the following provisions.
- B. <u>Size</u>, <u>Scale</u>, <u>Material</u>. The final plat shall be drawn, scribed or photo-reproduced in black ink on tracing cloth or stable-base polyester material, on sheets no larger than 24 by 36 inches, and shall be at a scale of 1 inch to 200 feet. Enough sheets shall be used to show the subdivision in its entirety, with each sheet numbered in relation to the total number of sheets involved, and each shall have a small key map showing its relationship to the whole.
- C. <u>Information</u>. The final plat shall contain the following information:
 - 1. Name of subdivision.

- 2. Title, scale, north arrow, and date of survey.
- 3. Location and description of all monuments found or set within the plat area, and all these referred to, including bench marks with elevation shown, and property corners.
- 4. Plat boundary lines: bearing in degrees, minutes, and seconds, with basis for bearings noted or shown; distances in feet and hundredths, or other functional reference system; both the record and measured bearings and distances.
- 5. Reference the plat to the New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System. Total acreage of subdivision, to four decimal places.
- 6. Lot lines, and right-of-way lines, existing and proposed; lines to be eliminated shown as dashed lines. Names of streets, right-of-way widths, and centerline data and all streets and alleys, including private streets and alleys. The length, central angle, and radius of all curves.
- 7. Location, dimensions, and purpose of all easements existing or proposed, and any limitations thereof.
- 8. Number or letter to identify each lot and block.
- Location, dimensions, areas, and purposes of lots proposed to be dedicated or reserved for the public.
- 10. Reference to recorded subdivision plats of adjoining platted land by recorded name, date, book, and page number in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk.
- 11. Mileage of streets created: (a) total, (b) full
 width streets; and (c) half-width streets.
- 12. Certification by the Bernalillo County Treasurer or by a duly qualified abstract company that the previous ten year's property taxes due and payable have been paid in full.
- 13. Statement that the subdivision is with the free consent and in accordance with the desire of the undersigned owner of the land, acknowledged in a manner required for acknowledgement of deeds.
- 14. Signed statements by the subdivider dedicating public rights-of-way, any sites for public use, and granting the shown easements for public use.

- 15. Certification and seal by a registered land surveyor, in accordance with the laws of the State of
 New Mexico, certifying the accuracy of the survey
 and plat, that he prepared or supervised preparation of the plat, that he has shown all easements
 of record, and that it meets Design Standards for
 Surveying.
- 16. Certification that all monuments are in place.
- 17. Such other certificates, affidavits, endorsements, or dedications as may be required by the Village Council in the enforcement of these Regulations.

SECTION 13. SUMMARY PROCEDURE

In accordance with the alternate summary procedures authorized by Section 3-20-8 N.M.S.A., 1978, the Village Council may approve a subdivision as a combined preliminary and final plat in any case where no public purpose would be served by separate steps. Such summary approval shall be given only when one or both of the following conditions exist:

The subdivision contains no more than 2 lots.

Re-subdivisions, where the combination or recombination or portions of previously platted lots does not increase the total number of lots.

In all cases the subdivision plat being considered for approval under this summary procedure shall be prepared according to the standards for plans and data for both preliminary and final plats as contained herein.

SECTION 14. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Authorization. Receipt of the signed copy of the preliminary plat is authorization for the subdivider to
 proceed with the minimum improvements required by these
 Regulations. Prior to the construction of any improvements or to the submission of any bond, the subdivider
 shall furnish the Village Council with all plans and
 data necessary for the construction of said improvements. These plans shall be examined by the Village
 Council and will be approved if in accordance with the
 following requirements. Following the approval, construction can be started or the amount of bond
 determined.
- B. Installation Assurance. Plans for improvement shall be prepared by an engineer registered in accordance with the laws of New Mexico. The Village is to be assured of the installation of these improvements in a

satisfactory manner by one or more of the following methods:

- 1. Complete installation of the improvements prior to approval of the final plat.
- Submission of a satisfactory bond, either a performance bond or a cash bond, or the establishment of an escrow account in an amount and with surety and conditions satisfactory to the Village Clerk providing for and securing to the Village the actual construction and installation of such improvements and utilities within a period not to exceed one year.
- 3. Completion of an approved assessment procedure whereby the Village is put in an assured position to do said work and make said installations at the cost of the owners of the property within the subdivision.
- 4. Submission of an approved assessment procedure for the surfacing of streets together with an agreement between the subdivider and the Village for a cash payment for other improvements with payment to be made as the work is completed.
- C. Installation of Improvements. The subdivider may prepare and secure approval of the preliminary plat and then install improvements in the area covered by the preliminary plat. Improvements must be installed only in that part of the area for which a final plat will be submitted for approval and filing. The improvements to be installed shall include the following:
 - 1. Permanent Markers. All subdivision boundary corners, and the four corners of all street intersections shall be marked with permanent monuments. A permanent monument shall be deemed to be concrete with a minimum dimension of four inches, extending three feet below the surface of the ground. Should conditions prohibit the placing of monuments on line, offset marking will be permitted; provided, however, that offset courses and distances are shown on the plat. A permanent benchmark shall be accessibly placed within the subdivision, the elevation of which shall be referred to the U.S.G.S. datum and accurately noted on the subdivision plat.
 - 2. Street Improvements. All streets shall be graded and the roadway improved by surfacing under the supervision of the Engineer, as defined in these Regulations, and subject to his approval in accordance with standard specifications of the Village.

- 3. Sidewalks. Sidewalks may be constructed under the supervision of the Engineer and subject to his approval in accordance with standard specifications of the Village.
- 4. Water and sewer. The subdivider shall present evidence that adequate water and sewer service to each lot will be provided in compliance with the requirements of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division and in conformity to the standard specifications of the Village. Construction of all water and sewer lines shall be under the supervision and approval of the Engineer.
- 5. Drainage. Construction of drainage improvements and other means of storm water management shall be under the supervision and approval of the Engineer.

SECTION 15. DESIGN STANDARDS

All subdivisions within the Village planning and platting jurisdiction shall conform to minimum design standards established by the Village.

- A. Street standards. The character, extent, width and location of all streets shall conform to any master plan or policies established by the Village Council and shall be consistant and appropriate in their relationship to existing and planned streets, topographic conditions, public convenience, safety, and the proposed uses of the land to be served by such streets.
 - 1. Where an arterial or collector street is not shown and defined in a master plan of the Village and there is not an adopted future street line, the arrangement of streets in a subdivision shall either:
 - a. Provide for the continuation or appropriate projection existing principal situation where topographic or other conditions make continuance of, or conformance to, existing streets impractical.
 - b. Conform to a plan for the neighborhood properly approved by the Village to meet a particular situation where topographic or other conditions make continuance of, or conformance to, existing streets impractical.
 - 2. Minor streets shall be so laid out that their use by through traffic will be discouraged.

- 3. Where a subdivision borders on or contains a railroad right-of-way or limited access highway right-of-way, the Village Council may require a street approximately parallel to such right-of-way. This distance shall be suitable for the appropriate use of the intervening land and shall also be determined with due regard for the requirements of approach grades and future grade separations.
- 4. Reserve strips controlling access to streets shall be prohibited except where their control is definitely placed in the Village under conditions approved by the Village Council.
- 5. Half streets shall be prohibited, except where used as an addition to another half street which was platted and filed before the effective date of these Regulations.
- 6. No street names shall be used which will duplicate or be confused with the names of existing streets within the jurisdiction of the Village. Street name changes shall be subject to the approval of the Village Council upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission. A street name shall only be changed if the applicant shows that there will be a public benefit which clearly outweighs the public confusion which would be created by the name change.
- 7. Streets shall be laid out to intersect as nearly as possible at 90 degree angles, and no street shall intersect any other street as less than 60 degrees.
- 8. Street jogs with centerline offsets shall be avoided, but where necessary shall have a minimum offset of 125 feet.
- 9. A minimum tangent 100 feet long shall be introduced between reverse curves on major streets.
- 10. When connecting street lines deflect from each other at any one point by more than 10 degrees, they shall be connected by a curve with a radius adequate to insure a sight distance of not less than 200 feet and of such greater radius as may be set by the Village Council for special cases.
- 11. Property lines at street intersections shall be rounded with a radius of ten feet, or of greater radius where the Village Council may deem it necessary. Comparable cut-offs or chords in place of round corners may be permitted.

- 12. Dead end streets (cul-de-sacs), designed to be so permanently, shall not be longer than 500 feet and shall be provided at the closed end with a turnaround having an outside roadway diameter of at least 100 feet.
- 13. All street gradients shall be subject to approval of the Engineer. Minimum street gradient shall not be less than 1/2 percent, and the maximum not more than 10 percent. Within 100 feet of any intersection the maximum gradient shall be 5 percent to provide adequate and safe sight distance and the intersection itself shall have a maximum gradient of 3 percent.
- 14. Streets and alleys shall be provided in accordance with the following minimum standards:

Street Type	Right of Way Width	Pavement Width
Arterial	86 feet	48 feet
Collector	60 feet	42 feet
Local	50 feet	32 feet
Alleys	20 feet	20 feet
Cul-de-sac	40 feet	30 feet

- 15. All streets shall be gravelled or paved in accordance with standard specifications of the Village and with the supervision and approval of the Engineer.
- 16. Alleys shall be provided in commercial districts, except that the Village Council may waive this requirement where other definite and assured provision is made for service access, such as offstreet loading, unloading and parking, adequate for the uses proposed. Alleys may be provided in residential areas at the option of the subdivider, but are to be discouraged where they would serve no useful purpose or where easements would better serve the purpose.
- 17. Curbs and gutters may be provided on both sides of the street and constructed to standard specifications of the Village under the supervision of the Engineer and subject to his approval.
- 18. Sidewalks may be provided along paved streets. They shall have a minimum width of 42 inches and shall be constructed under the supervision and approval of the Engineer in accordance with standard specifications of the Village.

- 19. Walkways, bike path, bridle paths, and water courses shall provide a minimum right-of-way width of 10 feet and a minimum pavement width, if any of 10 feet.
- B. <u>Drainage</u>. Adequate provision shall be made for drainage of storm water subject to the approval of the Engineer in accordance with the master drainage plan and requirements pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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- C. Easements. Easements of at least five feet in width shall be provided and dedicated on each side of all rear lot lines where necessary for poles, wires, conduits, storm, sanitary sewer, gas, water, and other mains. An adequate easement shall be dedicated along all important water courses for the purpose of widening, deepening, sloping, improving or protecting the channel for drainage purposes. Where a cut or fill road slope is outside the normal right-of-way of the street, then a slope easement shall be provided of sufficient width to permit maintenance of the slopes.
- D. Blocks. The lengths, widths and shapes of blocks shall be determined with due regard to provision of adequate building sites suitable to the special needs of the type of use contemplated; to zoning requirements as to lot sizes and dimensions; to needs for convenient access, circulation, control and safety of street traffic; and to limitations and opportunities to topography.
- E. Lots. The lot arrangement and design shall be such that all lots will provide satisfactory and desirable building sites properly related to topography and the character of adjacent development. All side lines of lot shall be at right angles to straight street lines or radial to curved street lines unless a variation of this rule will give a better street and lot plan. Lots of double frontage shall not be permitted.
- F. Public Sites and Open Spaces. Where a proposed park, playground, school or other public use shown in the master plan is located in whole or in part in a subdivision, the Village Council may require the dedication or reservation of such area within the subdivision in those cases in which the Village Council deems such requirements to be reasonable.

SECTION 16. CHARACTER OF DEVELOPMENT

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The Planning Commission shall confer with the subdivider regarding the type and character of development that will be permitted in the subdivision, and may agree with the subdivider as to certain minimum restrictions to be placed upon the property (1) to prevent the construction of substandard buildings, and (2) to control the type and use of structures and the use of lots which, unless so controlled, would clearly depreciate the character and value of the proposed subdivision and of adjoining property. The Village Council shall have power to agree with the subdivider upon the use, height, area or bulk restrictions governing building and premises, providing that in the case of subdivisions beyond the corporate limits the Village Council may require the subdivider to conform to the land use plans adopted by the Village. Deed restrictions and covenants shall not contain reversionary clauses wherein any lot shall return to the subdivider because of a violation of the terms of the restrictions and covenants.

SECTION 17. MODIFICATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

Whenever the tract to be subdivided is of such unusual size or shape and/or surrounded by such development or unusual conditions that the strict application of these Regulations would result in real difficulties and substantial hardships, the Council may vary or modify the requirements, so that the subdivider is allowed to develop his property in a reasonable manner, but at the same time so that the public welfare and interests of the Village are protected and the general intent and spirit of these Regulations are preserved. ever, such relief may not be granted if it is detrimental to the public good or impairs the intent and purpose of these Regulations or the desirable development of the community in accordance with plans and policies of the Village Council. Any modification granted shall be entered in the records of the Village Council setting forth the reasons which justified the modification. Further, in grant in modifications and exceptions, the Village Council may place conditions which will in its judgement substantially secure the objectives of the standards or requirements involved.

SECTION 18. VACATION OF A PLAT

A. Necessity. Nothing in this section requires that a vacation be undertaken if a replat, accomplishing the elimination of lots lines, is duly approved. A vacation is required when no replatting is undertaken by elimination of lot lines, right-of-way, or easement lines dividing a parcel to be accomplished.

B. Application Procedure. Any plat filed in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk and within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the Village may be vacated according to the following procedures:

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- 1. The subdivider of land proposed to be vacated, exclusive of public rights-of-way, shall sign a duly acknowledged statement declaring the plat or a portion of the plat is to be vacated and shall apply to the Village Council for approval.
- Where a public right-of-way is proposed to be vacated:
 - a. The Village Clerk shall mail letters to franchised utilities and to the owner (s) of record of all lots adjacent to the public right-of-way to be vacated, informing them of the nature of the proposed vacation, and notifying them of the date, time, and place of the hearing. At least 15 days shall be allowed for such comments before a decision is reached.
 - b. If the public right-of-way proposed for vacation is paved, or if the entire width of the right-of-way is proposed for vacation, the applicant shall post and maintain one or more signs, as provided and where instructed by the Village Council at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing. The applicant is responsible for removing such signs within five days after the hearing is completed. Failure to properly post signs is grounds for deferral of the request. No one except the applicant, the agent of the applicant, or the Village shall remove or tamper with any such required sign during the period it is required to be maintained under this paragraph.
 - c. In considering the vacation of all or part of a public right-of-way, the Planning Commission shall determine whether or not the vacation will adversely affect the interests of persons owning contiguous land or land within the subdivision being vacated.
- 3. The rights-of-way of any public or private utility, including drainage, existing prior to the vacation, total or partial, of any plat are not affected by the vacation of a plat unless an authorized representative of the utility involved agrees in writing to have the rights vacated.

- C. Public Hearing. A decision on approval and endorsement shall be made at a hearing by the Village Council. Public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village shall be published at least 15 days before the date of the hearing; the notice shall indicate the location of the proposed vacation, where a map of the proposed vacation may be viewed and information on the hearing. If approved by the Village Council, the statement of vacation is endorsed "approved". Such endorsement shall be within 10 days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- D. Recording. The vacation is in full force and effect only after the approved statement declaring the vacation has been recorded in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk shall be requested to mark the original plat with the words "vacated" or "partially vacated" and refer on the plat to the volume and page on which the statement of vacation is recorded. Submittal for recording is the applicant's responsibility. The applicant shall also provide certified proof of the recording by the Bernalillo County Clerk to the Village Clerk.

SECTION 19. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Prior to selling or leasing any land in a subdivision, the subdivider must provide a disclosure statement to the prospective purchaser or lessee as prescribed by the Village. (See EXHIBIT A).

SECTION 20. CONSTRUCTION VIOLATIONS

Construction which violates any provision of these Regulations is strictly prohibited and no building permit shall be authorized, except in those cases where modifications or exceptions have been granted by the Village Council prior to start of construction. Violations without authorization by the Village Council shall bring cause for legal action by the Village to have the construction violation stopped, corrected and/or removed, and a penalty assessed.

SECTION 21. FEES

- A. General Subdivision Fee. To cover general expenses related to processing subdivisions, a subdivision fee will be charged prior to the preliminary plat approval. The subdivision fee shall be \$100.00, or \$5.00 per lot, which ever is greater.
- B. Vacation and Replat Fees. To cover general expenses related to processing, any replat or vacation or plat shall require a fee of \$25.00 for each such action.

SECTION 22. PENALTIES

- Transferring Lots in Unapproved Subdivision. A. owner or agent of the owner, of any land located within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the Village, who leases, transfers, sells, agrees to sell, or negotiates to sell land by reference to or exhibition of a plat of such land before being duly approved by the Village Council and duly recorded in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per offense. Each and every lot or portion thereof so leased, transferred, sold, agreed to be sold, or negotiated to be sold shall be prosecuted and treated as a separate offense. The description by metes and bounds in the instrument of transfer or other document used in the process of selling or transferring shall not exempt the transaction from such penalties.
- B. Improper Recording. Any person who records with the Bernalillo County Clerk any plat in violation of these Regulations shall upon conviction be subject to a fine not exceeding the maximum according to state law.

SECTION 23. APPEALS

Any person aggrieved with any determination of the Village Council acting under these Regulations may file an appeal to the District Court of the 2nd Judicial District by submitting a written application within 15 days of the Village Council's decision. The District Court may overrule or modify any ruling of the Village Council and make such findings as are not consistent with the provisions of these Regulations. Appeals shall be filed with the Village Clerk, and the District Court.

SECTION 24. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

The Village Council may, from time to time, amend or modify these Regulations after public hearing, due notice of which shall be given as required by law.

SECTION 25. PUBLIC RECORDS

The Village Clerk shall keep public records of findings, decisions, and recommendations concerning all subdivision plats filed for review, including such actions as may be taken by the Village Council through appeals or amendments to these Regulations.

SECTION 26. SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these Regulations is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the valid-ity of the remaining portions of these Regulations, it being the intent of the Village Council to enact each section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of these Regulations sep-arately and independently of each other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase. SECTION 27. WHEN EFFECTIVE This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law. Effective immediately upon its passage. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th day of February, 1982. Village of Tijeras (Village Seal) ATTEST:

Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

PLEASE READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE YOU SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS OR AGREE TO ANYTHING

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ENOUGH INFORMATION TO PERMIT YOU TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ON THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS STATEMENT. YOU SHOULD READ CAREFULLY ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO BUY OR LEASE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES HAVE ISSUED OPINIONS ON BOTH THE SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL AND WHAT IS SAID IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ABOUT THE PROPOSAL. THESE OPINIONS, WHETHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ARE CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND SHOULD ALSO BE READ CAREFULLY.

THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS HAS EXAMINED THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SUBDIVIDER CAN SATISFY WHAT HE HAS SAID IN HIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. HOWEVER, THE VILLAGE DOES NOT VOUCH FOR THE ACCURACY OF WHAT IS SAID IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. FURTHER, THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION OR ENDORSEMENT OF THE SUBDIVISION BY EITHER THE VILLAGE OR THE STATE. IT IS INFORMATIVE ONLY.

FINALLY THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU SEE THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO PURCHASING OR LEASING IT. YOU HAVE SIX MONTHS FROM THE TIME OF PURCHASE OR LEASE TO INSPECT THE PROPERTY. UPON INSPECTING THE PROPERTY, YOU HAVE THREE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF INSPECTION TO RESCIND THE TRANSACTION AND RECEIVE ALL OF YOUR MONEY BACK FROM THE SUBDIVIDER. YOU MUST GIVE THE SUBDIVIDER NOTICE OF YOUR INTENT TO RESCIND WITHIN THREE DAYS OF YOUR INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL SUBDIVISIONS MUST COMPLETE EACH ITEM SET FORTH IN PARENTHESIS BELOW

1.	NAME OF SUBDIVISION:
2.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUBDIVIDER
	(name) (address)
3.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON IN CHARGE OF SALES OR LEASING IN NEW MEXICO
	(name) (address)
4.	WATER USE
	Include here whether or not there will be water for domestic use, commercial use or recreational use and include any limitation, physical or legal, anticipated for each use indicated. (indicate whether the subdivider or
	owner will provide (domestic use) (limit, if any) the water
	(domestic use) (limit, if any) the water (commercial use) (limit, if any) " "
	(residential use) (limit, if any) " "
5.	AMOUNT OF WATER
	If the subdivider is to provide water for any use, he shall provide the following information:
	(minimum daily quantity of water to be provided for each parcel and for each proposed use)
	(the date on which water will be made available to each parcel and for each proposed use)
6.	WATER DELIVERY*
	(describe the means of water delivery within the

* Not applicable if the subdivider does not intend to provide water for domestic use.

subdivision)

7. WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION*

(state what the prospective owner will be required to pay for the extension of water to his parcel if he wants water prior to the date scheduled by the subdivider)

8. LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THE WATER SUPPLY

Include the life expectancy of each source of water supply under full development of the subdivision.

(source) (life expectancy)

9. WELLS** NOTE: PROSPECTIVE OWNERS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN WELLS.

(average, maximum and minimum depth to water in the subdivision if water is available from subterranean sources.

(recommended total depth of well)
(estimated yield in gallons per minute of wells completed to recommended total depths)

(recommended pump settings and size)
(lithological characteristics of formations through which well is to be completed)

10. SURFACE WATER **

(state the source and yield of the surface water supply)

11. WATER QUALITY

(describe any quality which would make the water unsuitable for use within the subdivision (state each maximum allowable water quality parameter that has been exceeded with council approval and the name of the element, compound, or standard that has exceeded that parameter)

12. LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL

(describe the precise type of liquid waste disposal system that is proposed and that has been approved by the council for use within the subdivision)

NOTE: NO OTHER LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM MAY BE USED IN A SUBDIVISION OTHER THAN THE SYSTEM APPROVED BY THE TIJERAS VILLAGE COUNCIL.

- * Not applicable if the subdivider does not intend to provide water for domestic use.
- ** Not applicable if the subdivider intends to provide water for domestic use.

13. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

(describe the means of solid waste disposal that is proposed for use within the subdivision)

14. TERRAIN MANAGEMENT

(describe the suitability of the soils in the subdivision for residential use whether permanent or seasonal)

(give the location of all lots within floodways, flood fringes, and flood plains)

(give the location of all lots located on slopes in excess of 8%)

(describe the subsurface drainage for all lots)

(describe the surface drainage for all lots)

(describe all storm drainage systems including the completion date of any required to be constructed)

15. SUBDIVISION ACCESS

(describe the width and type of surfacing of all roads)
(give the date on which all roads will be completed)
(state the date on which all roads and parking areas will be surfaced)

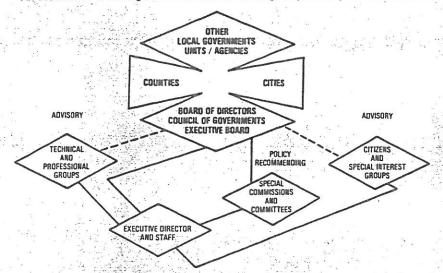
16. MAINTENANCE

(state the owner's maintenance and construction reponsibilities including road maintenance)



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