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Project Name: _____

Submittal Date: _____

File #: _____
 (City will assign)

PRELIMINARY PLAT

APPLICATION & CHECKLIST

Prior to the submission of a Preliminary Plat, we recommend that the applicant meet with a representative of the Planning Department to determine if the application is complete prior to printing the required number of plat copies:

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INSTRUCTIONS

- An approved Concept Plan is required prior to submission of a Preliminary Plat.
- A Pre-Development meeting is recommended prior to submission of a Preliminary Plat. These meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays (if Monday is a holiday it is held on the first working day of the week). Please make an appointment with the Planning Department (512-528-2750).
- A Preliminary Plat is required for all subdivisions except those that qualify as a Short Form Plat or Amended Plat
- Fill out the following application and checklist completely prior to submission. Use the most current application from the City's website or from the Planning Department.
- Place a check mark on each line if you have complied with that item. Indicate with N/A if the item does not apply to your plat. ***This checklist is only a guide. All state and local subdivision requirements cannot be reflected on this checklist.*** If there are any questions regarding subdivision regulations, the applicant should consult the source law. City ordinances can be obtained from the City of Leander at our website or at City Hall.

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR SUBMITTAL PACKAGE:

- ___ 1. Completed and signed application/checklist (see last page for signature blocks). NOTE: An appointment is REQUIRED to submit this application unless the owner requests postponement of action until all staff comments are addressed – See last page of application.
- ___ 2. Nineteen (19) sets of prints of the preliminary plat. – **24" X 36"** Collated and folded into fourths (9" x 12") with the name of the subdivision showing.
- ___ 3. One 11" x 17" set of prints of the preliminary plat.
- ___ 4. One (1) copy of **each**:
 - ___ Drainage Study (If located within the ETJ, enclose one additional copy of the drainage study.
 - ___ Utility schematic and utility intent letter including demand data (if City utilities are proposed)
 - ___ Approved Concept Plan
- ___ 5. One set of mailing labels to notify property owners (as determined by the most recent tax rolls from the County Appraisal District) within 200' subject property.
- ___ 6. A computer printout from the appraisal district listing property owners within 200 feet of the subject property
- ___ 7. A tax map or maps highlighting the subject property and showing the line extending 200 feet of the property.
- ___ 8. County short ID # of subject property: _____
- ___ 9. Copy of deed showing current ownership.
- ___ 10. Annexation petition and letter requesting water and wastewater service where applicable.
- ___ 11. Park proposal (if subdivision is residential).
- ___ 12. Three (3) copies of any executed developer agreement affecting the subject plat.
- ___ 13. If the plan triggers a TIA, provide a copy (see criteria below), or a request to pay a fee in lieu.
- ___ 14. A subdivision variance application (if applicable).
- ___ 15. Copy of the tree protection plan with approval signature from the Director of Planning (if it is a single-family or two-family subdivision)
- ___ 16. Copy of certified tax certificate, applicant keeps the original for plat recording
- ___ 17. Filing Fee (calculation listed below)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE SHOWN ON THE PLAT AND/OR SUBMITTED WITH THE PLAT:

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ___ 1. Name, address and phone and fax numbers of the developer, record owner, and authorized agents (engineer, land planner, etc).
- ___ 2. The proposed name of the subdivision. The name does not have the same spelling nor is it pronounced similarly to the name of any other subdivision located within the City or ETJ.
- ___ 3. The date, scale (1"=100), and north indicator.
- ___ 4. A location map. (Recommend USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map.)
- ___ 5. The owners' names, deed or plat references and property lines for adjacent property as determined by the most recent tax rolls for all properties located within two hundred (200) feet of the subdivision boundary.
- ___ 6. The total acreage of the property to be subdivided and the subtotals by land use.
- ___ 7. A certification block signed and sealed by the project engineer.
- ___ 8. A letter of certification, if containing any 100-year floodplain or proposing on-site sewage treatment, that the plat has been submitted to the County Health District for review.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- ___ 1. The existing property lines of the land being subdivided, including bearings and distances, of the land being subdivided. Property lines shall be drawn sufficiently wide to provide easy identification.
- ___ 2. The location of existing water courses, dry creek beds, wells, sinkholes and other similar topographic features.
- ___ 3. Centerline of water courses, creeks, existing drainage structures and other pertinent data shall be shown.
- ___ 4. Areas subject to flooding delineating the regulatory one hundred (100) year floodplain, and any other floodplains identified in the City's Master Drainage Plan.
- ___ 5. Topographic data indicating two (2) foot contour intervals for slopes up to 10% and five (5) foot contour intervals for slopes exceeding 10%. The contoured area shall extend outward from the property boundary for a distance of two hundred (200) feet.
- ___ 6. Locations, sizes and descriptions of all existing utilities, including but not limited to wastewater lines, lift stations, wastewater and storm sewer manholes, water lines, water storage tanks, and wells within the subdivision, and/or adjacent thereto.
- ___ 7. Location, dimensions, names and descriptions of all existing or recorded streets, alleys, reservations, railroads, easements or other public rights-of-way within or near the subdivision.
- ___ 8. Survey ties locating adjacent intersecting streets/driveways and median breaks to determine compliance with alignment or off-set requirements on a boundary street within a distance of one thousand (1,000) feet of the subdivision boundary.
- ___ 9. Survey ties at no less than three hundred (300) foot intervals across boundary streets indicating existing ROW width/location (unless such ROW was dedicated by plat).
- ___ 10. The location of City limit lines and/or extra-territorial jurisdiction, as depicted on the City's most recent base map, if either traverses the subdivision or is contiguous to the subdivision boundary.
- ___ 11. Existing zoning districts for subject tract.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- ___ 1. The location, size and description of any proposed drainage appurtenances, including storm sewers, detention ponds and other drainage structures proposed to be constructed on and off the site.
- ___ 2. A copy of the application for flood plain map amendment or revision to FEMA if applicable.
- ___ 3. The location, dimensions, names and descriptions of all proposed streets, alleys, parks, open spaces, blocks, lots, reservations, easements and rights-of-way within the subdivision indicating the connection to or continuation of other improvements in adjacent subdivisions.
- ___ 4. Provide a table including the street name and linear feet.
- ___ 5. Boundary streets have been reviewed for adequate ROW and improvements. If boundary street improvements are needed, these are described by a note on the plat.

- ___ 6. Numbers to identify each lot and block.
- ___ 7. The lengths of each proposed property line of all lots. The area of each non-rectangular lot shall be provided.
- ___ 8. Approved tree protection plan if single family or two family use is proposed. An aerial photo or tree survey is provided with the street and lot layout superimposed at a scale of 1"=100'. A tree preservation plan demonstrates that lot lines, street layouts and site improvements have been designed and located and that lot width, depth and size flexibility as permitted by the applicable zoning district has been utilized to the maximum extent necessary to retain the maximum number of significant trees reasonably practicable. Approval of this tree protection has been obtained by the Director of Planning prior to preparation and submission of this preliminary plat.
- ___ 9. Information showing that the proposed subdivision complies with the Transportation Criteria Manual street design standards including intersection sight distance, minimum horizontal curve radii, tangent spacing between curves, intersection spacing, ROW widths, curb return radii, etc.
- ___ 10. Proposed final plat section boundaries within the preliminary plat if more than one section is proposed.
- ___ 11. Watershed information is provided (if applicable):
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 - ___ Lake Travis watershed report provided to LCRA.
 - ___ Edward's recharge zone report provided to TCEQ.
 - ___ Edward's contributing zone report provided to TCEQ.
- ___ 12. Note prohibiting obstructions in drainage easements.
- ___ 13. The proposed location of sidewalks for each street shown as a dotted line inside the proposed right-of-way and the following sidewalk note:
Sidewalks shall be installed on both sides of all streets in the subdivision and on the subdivision side of [insert boundary street name(s)]. Those sidewalks not abutting a residential, commercial or industrial lot (including sidewalks along street frontages of lots proposed for schools, churches, park lots, detention lots, drainage lots, landscape lots, or similar lots), sidewalks on arterial streets to which access is prohibited, sidewalks on double frontage lots on the side to which access is prohibited, and all sidewalks on safe school routes shall be installed when the adjoining street is constructed.
- ___ 14. Except for SFR zoning districts, residential blocks do not exceed a perimeter length of three thousand five hundred (3,500) feet, and residential blocks in SFR zoning districts do not exceed a perimeter length of six thousand (6,000) feet unless City staff approves longer blocks where unusual conditions are found such as steep slopes or other restrictive topography, floodplains, public land, railroad tracks, freeways, tollways, existing adjacent development or other similar features..
- ___ 15. Blocks along arterial streets and blocks containing or proposed to contain primarily commercial or industrial uses do not exceed a perimeter length of five thousand five hundred (5,500) feet unless City staff approves longer blocks where unusual conditions are found such as steep slopes or other restrictive topography, floodplains, public land, railroad tracks, freeways, tollways, existing adjacent development or other similar features.
- ___ 16. Blocks are wide enough to accommodate two tiers of lots except for blocks adjacent to major streets, railroads, waterways or other topographical features prohibiting a second lot tier.
- ___ 17. If inside the City, lot sizes and dimensions as well as proposed use are in conformance with the Composite Zoning Ordinance. Lots to be served by septic systems shall be a minimum of one acre in area if on a public water supply, two acres if served by an on-site private well, and conform to the County or LCRA regulations based on percolation tests and soil analysis.
- ___ 18. No lot has a lot line intersection of less than forty-five (45) degrees.
- ___ 19. All lots front on a public roadway.
- ___ 20. Lots are arranged so that all lots face similar lots across the street.
- ___ 21. Wherever feasible, single family and two family residential lots are oriented so that the rear line of a lot is not the side lot line of another lot.
- ___ 22. There are no single family or two family double frontage lots except where one of the frontages is to an arterial street.
- ___ 23. Single family and two family residential corner lots on unequal class streets have access only to the street with the lower classification and a note is shown on the plat prohibiting access to the other street.

- ___ 24. Single family and two family residential lots adjacent to an arterial street comply with Art. VI, Sec. 8 of the Composite Zoning Ordinance and are prohibited by note from having direct access from an arterial street. If residential lots are proposed to back or side up to a major arterial street, the following is provided: A landscape lot is provided between the lot(s) and the specified roadway. Such landscape lot is at least ten (10) feet wide: (the following note is included on the plat)
- For every six hundred (600) square feet of area in the landscape lot (#)___, two (2) shade trees (two-inch caliper or larger) and four (4) shrubs (five gallon container size or larger) shall be planted and maintained. Two ornamental trees per shade tree may be substituted for up to fifty percent of the shade trees if desired. A six-foot privacy fence, but no higher than three feet within twenty five feet of an intersecting street, shall be constructed with the subdivision improvements at the common lot line between the landscape lot and the single-family or two-family lots. The fence is required to be constructed of one or more of the following materials: textured pre-cast concrete (e.g. WoodCrete), brick, stone, cast stone, stucco, factory tinted (not painted) split-faced concrete masonry unit, or other similar material approved by the Director of Planning. All columns are required to have concrete footings. The landscape lot is required to be maintained by a private association.***
- ___ 25. "Flag" lots are not proposed unless there are no other reasonable alternatives and they meet the following conditions:
- ___ Driveways would be located no closer than permitted by the Transportation Criteria Manual.
 - ___ The minimum width of the flag lot is no less than twenty five (25) feet.
 - ___ The narrow portion of the lot is dedicated as a common driveway access easement.
 - ___ No more than two "flag" lots are located side by side.
 - ___ The Fire Chief has no objection to the lot layout.
 - ___ The narrow "flag pole" portion of the lot is not considered when calculating lot width, depth or area requirements, or in establishing setback requirements.
- ___ 26. For residential plats, the following note is provided if applicable:
- For lots less than sixty feet wide and zoned SFC, SFL or SFT, residential street facing garages shall be located no closer to the street than five feet in front of the dwelling or roof covered porch, with such dwelling or porch structure being not less than seven feet wide for all portions of the structure adjacent to the garage. For all other lots, residential street facing garages shall be located no closer to the street than the dwelling.***
- ___ 27. A note is provided limiting access to a specified roadway if required.
- ___ 28. The proposed subdivision complies with the Leander Roadway Plan.
- ___ 29. A note is shown on the plan stating that all homes built on lots siding or backing up to a major arterial roadway are required to be constructed to Type A architectural standards. The lot and block numbers of such lots are identified in the note.
- ___ 30. Provide an estimate of average daily trips to be generated by this development and include land use assumptions. Utilize assumptions that reflect land uses with the higher trip generation rates. If the proposed development generates traffic in excess of 2,000 average daily trips (based on the ITE Trip Generation Manual), provide one of the following:
- a) Provide the following note for single family or two family development: ***At the time of final plat, the applicant will provide a payment to the City in the amount of \$126 per residential unit.***
- Provide the following note for other than single family or two family development: ***At the time of site development permit, unless a new traffic analysis for the development as proposed in the concept plan indicates that average daily trips are estimated below 2,000, the applicant will provide a payment to the City in the amount of \$126 per peak hour trip projected to be generated by the development.***
- OR
- b) A registered professional engineer is required to prepare a TIA after meeting with City staff to determine the geographic area to be included. The TIA is prepared to meet the criteria of the Transportation Criteria Manual and the City of Leander Roadway Adequacy Ordinance and includes the following:
 - Trips to be generated by the proposed development
 - Assignment of such trips to the road network analyzed
 - The capacity of affected thoroughfares before and after the proposed development
 - Specific recommendations for thoroughfare improvements and traffic control modifications needed to mitigate the traffic from the proposed development
 - The development project's proportionate share of the costs of such improvements and modifications
- * In the event a TIA is required, the following review fees apply:

- \$800.00 review fee plus \$100.00 per page or portion thereof (8.5"X11" pages, 12 pt font)
- Please note, only half of this fee is charged if the application is reviewed by an outside consultant for the City and such fee is recovered with professional recovery fee.

- ___ 31. A statement by the surveyor is provided indicating that all easements of record are shown or noted on the plat as found on the title policy or discovered with a title search prepared for the most recent purchase of property.
- ___ 32. Is this plat subject to an approved PUD, PDD or developer agreement? (Y/N) If yes, provide copies as stated in the list of required items for the submittal package.
- ___ 33. Is applicant proposing a development agreement? (Y/N) If yes, provide a letter explaining proposal.
- ___ 34. Local streets have been designed so as to calm traffic and discourage "cut through" traffic as follows:
- a) Residential collector streets shall be preferred over neighborhood collector streets in proposed residential areas.
 - b) Straight sections of local streets and collector streets with single family or two family lots fronting on them shall not exceed one thousand three hundred (1,300) feet in length unless other traffic calming design is utilized as approved by the City or unless such design is approved by the City Engineer.
- ___ 35. Streets extend to the boundary lines of the tract as necessary for eventual extension to the adjacent tract(s) to do not, in general, exceed the limits defined by this ordinance and to provide access to adjacent property.
- ___ 36. Provisions have been made for the appropriate extension of existing and proposed streets. Streets intended to be extended from an adjacent tract have been extended.
- ___ 37. Street right-of-way is shown to be dedicated with the plat for the full length and/or width of the lots in the section of the subdivision adjacent to such street, unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer.
- ___ 38. AutoCAD or GIS digital file on a CD as follows: Any graphics files in electronic format shall be in ESRI shape file format or Autodesk native file format, using the Datum, Projection, and Units listed below. The zoom settings, views, pen tables, and layers for each file shall be set to display the drawing as a complete plat sheet. Symbol files, font files, external reference files and other files required to correctly display the drawings shall be included in the same directory as the graphics files. A key of all CAD layers, with a description of the information on each layer, shall be provided to assist city staff in extracting the required information. For submittals in Shape file format, all metadata as listed above shall be included.

Datum: North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83) Projection: Texas State Plane – Central Zone (4203)
 Units: US Survey Feet

PARK PLAN *(This plan is required only if the development proposal includes residential uses):*

- ___ 1. Choose one of the following five options, complete the information for that option and include this information on the face of the Preliminary Plat. Please note that the option proposed may or may not be acceptable, or a hybrid of options may be negotiated. Please contact the Director of Parks & Recreation to explore the available options and indentified *Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan* priorities.
- OPTION ONE:** Land Dedication: (3.50 acres per 100 dwelling units) + Park Improvements Fee (\$350 per dwelling unit)
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|----------------------------|-------|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| _____ | ÷ 100 | X 3.50 | = | _____ |
| (number of dwelling units) | | | | (proposed public park acreage) |
| _____ | | X \$350 | = | _____ |
| (number of dwelling units) | | | | (proposed park improvements fee) |
- OPTION TWO:** Land Dedication: (3.50 acres per 100 dwelling unit) + Park Improvements (A minimum of \$350 per dwelling unit must be spent on park improvements that meet City specifications)
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|----------------------------|-------|---------|---|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | ÷ 100 | X 3.50 | = | _____ |
| (number of dwelling units) | | | | (proposed public park acreage) |
| _____ | | X \$350 | = | _____ |
| (number of dwelling units) | | | | (value of proposed park improvements) |
- OPTION THREE:** Fee-in-Lieu of Land Dedication: (\$825 per dwelling unit) + Park Improvements Fee (\$350 per dwelling unit) – (Note: A fee-in-lieu of land dedication is typically approved only for short form plats, multi-family development, or if required park land is less than three acres.)
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|----------------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| _____ | X \$825 | = | _____ |
| (number of dwelling units) | | | (proposed park land fee) |
| _____ | X \$350 | = | _____ |
| (number of dwelling units) | | | (proposed park improvements fee) |

- OPTION FOUR:** Privately Owned & Maintained Parks: Private park land and park improvements meeting the public park standards.

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(number of dwelling units)}} \div 100 \times 3.50 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(proposed private park acreage)}}$$

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(number of dwelling units)}} \times \$350 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(value of proposed park improvements)}}$$

- OPTION FIVE:** Alternative Park Land Dedication and Park Improvements Plan: A customized plan that may include combinations of all other options.

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(number of dwelling units)}} \div 100 \times 3.50 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(required park acreage)(proposed park acreage)}}$$

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{number of dwelling units}} \times \$350 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(\$ required park improvements)}} \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(\$ proposed park improvements)}}$$

- ___ 2. If land is proposed to be dedicated based on the option selected, the land meets the following criteria:
- Land shown as public park land or trails in the *City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan* that may fall within the proposed subdivision is shown as land to be dedicated as public park land.
 - The dedicated land forms a single parcel or tract of land at least three (3) acres in size.
 - At least fifty percent (50%) of the perimeter boundary of the park is provided with street frontage.
 - Park land is proposed to be reasonably located near the geographic center of the development, within an area identified on the *City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan*, at the edge of a development so that additional land may be added at such time as adjacent land is developed, in an area that protects rare, unique, endangered, historic or other significant natural areas and/or provides linkage to parks, schools or public places, or areas that preserve the natural character of the surrounding environment.
 - The developer proposes to restore and stabilize any disturbed soil and establish vegetative cover.
 - If land is being dedicated for trail corridors, the natural character of the trail corridor is proposed to be preserved.
 - If the land identified on the *City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan* exceeds the amount of land required for park land dedication, the remainder of the land not required for dedication may be shown as a reserve park lot to be purchased by the City, or, if approved, credit may be counted toward the required park improvements fee in an amount equal to the fee in-lieu value of the remaining land.
 - Land within the one hundred (100) year flood plain and land that has greater than 15% slope do not constitute, in total, more than fifty percent (50%) of the land dedication requirement. In addition, for every acre of land dedicated for park land within the one hundred (100) year flood plain, or having a slope greater than 15%, only one-half (1/2) acre of park land dedication credit is provided. (Lands within an inundation easement falling outside of the one hundred (100) year flood plain may constitute up to one hundred percent (100%) of the land dedication requirement if such land remains undisturbed and in a pre-development condition, and if such land is not utilized for another public purpose.)
- ___ 3. If park improvements are proposed, the improvements meet the following criteria:
- Proposed park improvements are listed on the preliminary plat with the approximate value of each improvement. The total value of amenities and improvements is at least \$350 per residence.
 - A note is shown on the preliminary plat indicating that all proposed park improvements will meet *City Park & Facility Equipment Standards* and *U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission - Publication 325*.
- ___ 4. If **private** park land and/or facilities are proposed, they meet the following criteria:
- Private parks are not proposed for land shown in the *City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan* as land to meet strategic needs for future parks and/or trails.
 - Private ownership and perpetual maintenance of such areas and facilities shall be adequately provided for by recorded written agreement, conveyance, and/or restrictions.
 - The use of such areas and facilities shall be restricted to park and recreational purposes by a recorded covenant, which runs with the land in favor of the future owners of property, and which cannot be defeated or eliminated without the consent of the Council.
- ___ 5. If an alternative park plan is proposed, it meets the following criteria:
- The amount of park land to be dedicated is no less than 75% of the amount required to be dedicated.
 - Any reduction in the amount of park land required to be dedicated is offset by additional fee-in-lieu of land dedication in the amount of \$825 per residential unit, or additional park improvements in that amount.

[Example: If twenty acres is required to be dedicated as park land, and the applicant proposes seventeen and one fourth acres, this would amount to a park land deficiency of 3.50 acres. 3.50 acres is the equivalent of 100 residential units worth of park land dedication. The fee in lieu of park land dedication is equivalent to \$825 per unit. Therefore, the fee-in-lieu amount or the increased amount of park improvements would be by $100 \times \$825 = \$82,500$.]

- If the amount of park improvements is proposed to be reduced, the reduced value of such improvements is compensated by an equal or greater increase in the value of park land to be dedicated. The calculation to convert park improvements value to additional park land is determined based on reducing the required park improvements dollar value by not more than the fee in-lieu dollar value of the additional park land to be dedicated. [Example: If \$500,000 worth of park improvements are required, and the applicant proposes \$417,500 worth of improvements, this would amount to a \$82,500 deficiency in park land improvements. Dividing this number by the fee in lieu value of park land required per lot (\$825) yields 100 units ($\$82,500 / \$825 = 100$). The park land requirement for 100 units is 3.50 acres. Therefore an additional 3.50 acres of land would be dedicated in lieu of the \$82,500 of improvements.]

- ___ 6. If the preliminary plat contains more than one final plat section or phase, a park phasing plan is provided. (A phasing plan may propose park land, park improvements and/or fee in-lieu in an early phase of development to fulfill requirements of a later phase of development, but in no case shall a phasing plan propose park land, park improvements and/or fee in-lieu in a later phase of development to fulfill requirements of an earlier phase of development unless the developer provides adequate fiscal surety with the earlier phase of development. Such fiscal surety shall be in a form that shall not expire unless specifically released by the City.)

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Accepted for Processing by: _____ Date: _____