

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2019-72 (RESIDENTIAL DESIGN REVIEW NO. 2019-28) PROVIDING BUILDING DESIGNS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR 60 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS LOCATED WITHIN TRACT 31920-25 OF THE SUMMERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST LAKE SPECIFIC PLAN (APN: 371-040-017)**

**Whereas**, Meritage Homes has filed an application with the City of Lake Elsinore (City) requesting approval of Planning Application No. 2019-72 (Residential Design Review No. 2019-28) for the design and construction of 60 single-family residential units, preliminary plotting, conceptual wall and fence plan, and related improvements (Project). The Project is located in Tract Map No. 31920-25 (APN: 371-040-017) of the Summerly Development of the East Lake Specific Plan (ELSP); and,

**Whereas**, pursuant to Section 17.415.050 (Major Design Review) of the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code (LEMC) the Planning Commission (Commission) has been delegated with the responsibility of reviewing and approving, conditionally approving, or denying design review applications; and,

**Whereas**, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*: CEQA) and the State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (14 C.C.R. §§ 15000 *et seq.*: CEQA Guidelines), public agencies are expressly encouraged to reduce delay and paperwork associated with the implementation of CEQA by using previously prepared environmental documents when those previously prepared documents adequately address the potential impacts of the proposed project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15006); and,

**Whereas**, CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 establishes the standard to be used when determining whether subsequent environmental documentation is necessary and says that when an environmental document has already been adopted for a project, no subsequent environmental documentation is needed for subsequent entitlements which comprise the whole of the action unless substantial changes or new information are presented by the project; and,

**Whereas**, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was approved and adopted in 2017 for the ELSP, Amendment No. 11 (ELSP#11) (SCH #2016111029) and evaluated environmental impacts that would result from maximum build-out of the specific plan, which contemplated development of single-family residential development; and,

**Whereas**, the Project does not present substantial changes or new information regarding the potential environmental impacts of development; and,

**Whereas**, on December 3, 2019 at a duly noticed Public Hearing the Commission has considered evidence presented by the Community Development Department and other interested parties with respect to this item.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The Commission has reviewed and analyzed the proposed Project pursuant to the California Planning and Zoning Laws (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 59000 *et seq.*), the Lake Elsinore

General Plan (GP), the ELSP#11, and the LEMC and finds and determines that the proposed Project is consistent with the requirements of California Planning and Zoning Law and with the goals and policies of the GP, ELSP#11, and the LEMC.

**Section 2:** The Commission finds and determines that no new CEQA documentation is necessary. The Project comprises the whole of an action that was analyzed in the previously approved and certified Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2016111029) for the ELSP#11. Approval of the Project will not change density or intensity of use; it simply establishes standards for color palettes, articulation, orientation, and design of single-family residential development. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

**Section 3:** That in accordance with Lake Elsinore Municipal Code Chapter 17.184, the Commission makes the following findings regarding Planning Application No. 2019-72 (Residential Design Review No. 2019-28):

1. The Project, as approved, will comply with the goals and objectives of the General Plan and the zoning district in which the project is located.

*The Project is located within the ELSP#11 and has a Land Use designation of Medium Density Residential (MDR). The proposed Project constitutes build out of a previously approved tract map (TR31920-25) that was found to comply with the goals and objectives of the General Plan and the ELSP#11. The proposed Project does not propose an increase in density of development than what was previously approved. Further, the single-family homes will assist in achieving the development of a well-balanced and functional mix of residential, commercial, industrial, open space, recreational and institutional land uses.*

2. The Project complies with the design directives contained in the ELSP#11 and all applicable provisions of the LEMC.

*The Project is appropriate to the site and surrounding developments and is a continuation of a previously approved residential product in the adjacent area. The three (3) architectural styles proposed will create a distinctive street scene within the Project site. Sufficient setbacks and onsite landscaping have been provided thereby creating interest and varying vistas. In addition, safe and efficient circulation has been achieved onsite.*

3. Conditions and safeguards pursuant to Section 17.415.050.G.3 of the LEMC, including guarantees and evidence of compliance with conditions, have been incorporated into the approval of the Project to ensure development of the property in accordance with the objectives of Section 17.415.050.

*Pursuant to Section 17.415.050.E of the LEMC, the Project was considered by the Planning Commission at a duly noticed Public Hearing held on November 5, 2019. The Project, as reviewed and conditioned by all applicable City divisions, departments and agencies, will not have a significant effect on the environment. Approval of the Project will not result in a substantial change to the previously adopted EIR. Therefore, no additional environmental review is necessary.*

**Section 4:** Based upon all of the evidence presented and the above findings, the Commission hereby approves Planning Application No. 2019-72 (Residential Design Review No. 2019-28).

**Section 5:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Passed and Adopted** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

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Michael Carroll, Chairman

**Attest:**

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Justin Kirk,  
Assistant Community Development Director

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE        ) ss.  
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE        )

I, Justin Kirk, Assistant Community Development Director of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2019-\_\_ was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, at a regular meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019 and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Justin Kirk,  
Assistant Community Development Director