Tree Removal Permit Application
Engineering Department

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Approved ☐ **Denied** ☐
App No._____

Date_____ Block #_____ Lot #_____ Address: _____

Lot Owner Name _____ Zone: _____

Lot Owner Address _____

Lot Owner Telephone _____ Lot Owner Email:_____

Tree Removal Service Company:

Name_____
Address_____
Telephone _____

Licensed Tree Care Expert or Care Operator:

Name_____
License No._____
NJ Board of Tree Experts Registration _____
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TREE REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Diameter & Species	Reason for Removal	Replacement Requirement		Quantity and Species of Tree Replacement
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
		Yes- On-site, Off-site, Bank	No	
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The replacement of trees shall occur as prescribed in the following table:

Tree Replacement & Reforestation Schedule	
DBH of Existing Tree Removed	**Number of Replacement Trees (3" Caliper)**
(DBH measured 4'-6" above ground)	
Between 10 & 12 inches	3
Between 12 & 18 inches	4
Between 18 & 24 inches	5
Between 24 & 30 inches	7
Between 30 & 36 inches	10
36 inches or greater	The equivalent of 3" caliper trees or greater needed to equal the DBH of the removed tree

Approximate Tree Removal Start Date: _____
Total Number of Trees to be removed: _____ Tree Removal Permit Required? **YES NO**
Total Number of Replacement Trees Required: _____
Total Number of Proposed Trees: _____ On-Site:_____Off-Site: _____Tree Fund: _____

SKETCH DATA

Sketch data shall be provided on a clear property survey showing the location of the tree(s) to be removed with a DBH of ten (10) inches or greater. Trees to be removed shall be only those trees necessary to permit the construction of buildings or building additions, structures, driveways, septic fields, decks and lawn areas. The trees removed shall not constitute more than 60% of the total canopy, one half acre or shall be no more than 50 percent of the lot size, whichever is less.

Please mark trees to be removed with X and show replacement trees with O or boldface. Attach survey. Note manner of off-site tree disposal.

Application checklist:

- $75.00 application fee.
- Mark trees on site to be removed with ribbon or tape for inspection by Borough personnel.
- Sketch of proposed tree removals on property survey.

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(6 mo. from Issue)
Permit Date: _____ Permit Exp. Date: _____ Application Fee: Cash Check#_____

Application Reviewed by:_____ Date_____

Field Inspection By:_____Date_____

Field Notes:_____

Application Approval/Denial Date_____Reasons:_____

Replacement Tree Inspection Date_____ Final Inspection By:_____

Applicants Signature **(I have read and understand the attached Permit Requirements)** Date

Final Close Out of Permit: Borough Authorization Signature Date

CC: Environmental Commission (if Tree Fund), Tree Removal File, Project/Surface Grading Plan File

Permit Requirements

Applicability

Except as otherwise provided by § 229-5, an application for a Tree Removal Permit shall be required to be submitted to the Engineering Department for any Tree Removal on any Lot located within a residential zone in the Borough. The application and development proposal shall conform to the provisions contained herein.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all commercial, industrial and business zoned lots excluding major and minor subdivisions and site plans. Permits are valid for six months from date of issue if no building permit is required, otherwise see ordinance for duration of permits. Permits granted for the removal of trees under the terms and conditions of this ordinance shall run with the land. Once the permit has expired, a new application must be submitted for review and a new permit issued.

For complete text refer to Ordinance #26-17, Chapter 299 Trees.

General Guidelines

Applicant must provide the Tree Service Provider's NJ Board of Tree Experts Registration information before a permit may be issued. Also, information must be provided for the Licensed Tree Expert or Care Operator that is employed by the Tree Service Provider.

Prior to taking final action upon any application for tree removal, an inspection of the site shall be made by the Borough Engineer or his or her designee.

Prior to any tree removal, all trees planned for removal must be marked and areas to be cleared identified for inspection by a municipal representative.

The Borough Engineer or his or her designee shall periodically inspect the site throughout the duration of construction in order to ensure compliance with this ordinance. Such inspection shall be made of the site referred to in the application, and of contiguous and adjoining lands, as well as of lands in the vicinity of the application, for the purpose of determining drainage conditions and physical conditions existing thereon.

The Borough official reserves the right to make onsite inspections without prior notification. Permits may be denied if inspections cannot be made.

A plan for tree replacements should be developed before any trees are removed. Please consider the impact of tree removal on privacy screening and erosion in your yard.

A list of all trees to be removed with a DBH equal to or greater than ten (10) inches identified by size and species, including total number of each species to be removed should be shown on the application. No more than ten (10) percent of existing trees with a DBH equal to or greater than ten (10) inches within the area of development/limit of disturbance shall be removed unless the applicant shall replant trees removed in accordance with Section 7 of the Ordinance.

Purpose for tree removal (construction, building addition, street or roadway, driveway, utility easement, recreation area, patio, parking lot, etc.) should be given by the Applicant.

Other information should be submitted as may be deemed necessary in order to effectively process the application.

Design Requirements

Trees to be removed shall be only those trees necessary to permit the construction of buildings or building additions, structures, driveways, septic fields, decks and lawn areas. The trees removed shall not constitute more than one half acre or shall be no more than 50% of the lot size, whichever is less. No more than 60% of the existing tree canopy within the property boundaries shall be removed. The location of the remaining 40% of the tree canopy shall be noted on the permit for preservation.

Tree Removal Criteria

In addition to the design requirements noted above, the Engineering Department may grant a tree removal permit based upon one or more of the following circumstances:

- Where the location of an existing tree provides no other alternative but to place a structure outside the permitted building setbacks.
- Where the location of an existing tree negatively impacts on an existing septic field.
- Where no other alternative exists for the placement of a building, building addition, structure, septic field, driveway, deck, patio or lawn area, for the recreational use by the inhabitants of the building or dwelling, or any other authorized improvements, but in the vicinity of an existing tree.
- Where the location or growth of a tree inhibits the enjoyment of any outdoor pool, patio or deck.
- Where the location, angle or growth of an existing tree makes it a hazard to structures or human life.

The holder of a tree removal permit shall notify the Engineering Department in writing, by telephone or a personal visit, of the intent to remove trees before cutting them down. This shall be done at least four (4) business days in advance of when the tree removal activity will commence. The notice shall also include information as to the manner of disposal of the removed trees.

Penalties

When regulated trees are removed without a tree removal permit, the affected areas shall be replanted to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer. A $250.00 fine will be imposed for failure to notify the Borough Engineer of tree cutting within exception limits. Further a fine per tree for exceeding the limits of cutting within the exception limits for up to and including the allowed number of trees in any and all zones in the Borough will be subject to the following fines: $3000.00 per tree for anything beyond that number or for any tree cutting without a permit when a permit is required. The removal of trees without a permit would also require replanting trees in accordance with Section 7 of the ordinance.

Replacement Trees and Tree Fund

Replacement tree(s) shall be of nursery grade quality, balled and bur lapped and located on site. Where replacement trees are required but not suitable for the particular site prescribed due to the size of the site, the Applicant may plant tree replacements off-site on Applicant owned property, off-site on Borough owned property or Right-Of-Way pursuant to the Borough's Tree Planting Plan, and upon the direction and supervision of the Department of Public Works and/or Borough Engineer; or shall make payment to the Tree Fund in accordance with the Tree Replacement Schedule; or any approved combination thereof. Payments to the Tree Fund are $450 per replacement tree. The Tree Fund shall be utilized for planting on public lands, as determined by the Engineering Department and Environmental Commission in accordance with standards developed by the Environmental Commission or the Borough's Tree Planting Plan.

The type of replacement tree(s) shall be the same as the species removed from the site or other as approved by the Engineering Department in accordance with standards developed by the Environmental Commission. The planting of all replacement trees shall be done by or supervised by a person with horticultural training in tree care and planting methods.

Newly planted replacement trees shall be monitored for a period of one year to ensure the health of the trees. If the replacement trees die within the one year period, the developer/applicant shall replace the dead tree.