



Town of Surfside Beach
TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

Tel: 843-913-6341

TREE LOCATION ADDRESS TAX MAP #

OWNERS NAME PHONE #

ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

Building Permit Related

Non-Building Permit Related

Number of Trees you are requesting be removed and/or trimmed:

Location of Tree(s) requesting be removed (flag tree in field prior to submittal)

Non-Protected Tree

Protected/Specimen Tree

Landmark Tree

TREE REMOVAL CONTRACTOR TELEPHONE #

ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

TOWN BUSINESS LICENSE # VALUE OF TREE REMOVAL \$ (INCLUDE ALL LABOR, PROFIT, and DEBRIS REMOVAL)

I hereby certify that this application is a true representation of all facts concerning the proposed removal and or trimming of trees. It is understood that any deviation from the permit once issued will render the permit null and void and shall be considered a violation of the town's code of ordinance section 17-723 and subject to the following fines:

Fine for removing limbs over 4" in diameter without approval \$500.00

Fine for removing unprotected trees without a permit \$500.00

Fine for removing protected or specimen trees without a permit \$500. Per four-inch caliper for each tree

Fine for removing Landmark trees shall be \$10,000.00

Fine for Failure to obtain a permit \$500.00

Persons removing trees shall protect surrounding public and private property from damage. Debris removal is the responsibility of the persons performing the work. Section 7-29 of the Town Code states "No stumps, logs or other materials or tree limbs placed by landscape or tree service contractors or workmen shall be hauled by the town". All debris from such operations shall be removed daily. No debris may be left on site overnight. Work must be performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except in cases of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety, and then only with a permit from the Police Chief. Notify the Police Department of any need to close a street for safety precautions.

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that the issuance of this permit grants the Code Enforcement Official(s) access during normal business hours to the property as listed above and it does not constitute a privilege to violate any town ordinance, codes or regulations and that any omission or misrepresentation of facts or changes from this application or permit without the approval of the Planning, Building & Zoning Department shall constitute sufficient grounds for revocation of any permits issued.

I further understand that I have a right to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Official(s) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

All permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Signature of Applicant

Date

CRITERIA FOR GRANTING TREE PERMITS

GUIDELINES FOR REMOVAL OF NON-PROTECTED TREES

Trees, excluding protected and specimen trees, with a trunk diameter-at-breast-height of four (4) inches or more that are located within the front, side, or rear required yard space of the applicable zoning district shall not be removed unless:

- (1) The tree poses a safety hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- (2) The tree poses a hazard to buildings or utilities. For the purpose of this article, any tree or root system that poses a hazard to a building or utilities foundation or driveway may be removed with the approval of the code enforcement official;
- (3) The tree presents a situation, which prevents the development of a lot or the physical use thereof for proposed development. Tree removal of non-protected trees may be allowed by the code enforcement officials, and only those trees whose removal is determined by the code enforcement official essential for development will be removed;
- (4) The tree is diseased, dead, or weakened by age, storm, fire, or other injury which is a source of hazard to people, buildings or other improvements on a lot; or
- (5) The property owner wishes to thin or remove existing trees from his property to allow for the proper growth of remaining trees or to enhance the overall appearance of the landscaped area. Thinning may be authorized by the code enforcement official(s) provided thinning is limited to twenty (20) percent of existing trees.
- (6) The tree is located within the footprint of the home to be constructed. In these cases a building permit for the construction must be issued prior to the removal of the tree(s). (Amended 4/28/15 Ordinance #15-0799)

GUIDELINES FOR REMOVAL OF PROTECTED OR SPECIMEN TREES

When there is clear evidence that the protected tree or specimen tree poses a hazard, (i.e. roots visibly extending under a habitable structure, trees located within 10 feet of the foundation of a habitable structure with visible foundation damage (amended 4/28/15 Ordinance #15-0799), tree is dead, diseased, weakened by storm, fire, or other injury) or for trees whose removal is essential for development, tree removal for a protected tree or specimen tree may be allowed by the code enforcement official for those trees. When staff cannot determine whether a tree meets the criteria for removal, a protected tree or specimen tree (including those located in the buildable area) as well as protected trees located within the front, side, or rear yard setbacks of the applicable zoning district, shall not be removed unless a licensed or ISA certified arborist, South Carolina registered forester, landscape architect, architect or engineer certifies that:

- (1) The tree poses a safety hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (2) The tree poses a hazard to existing buildings or utilities.
- (3) The tree is diseased, dead, or weakened by age, storm, fire, or other injury, which is a source of hazard to people, buildings or other improvements on a lot.
- (4) The tree presents a situation which prevents the development of a lot or the physical use thereof for proposed development. Should this situation exist, tree removal for a protected or specimen tree may be allowed by the code enforcement official for only those trees whose removal is essential for development. In these cases a building permit for the construction must be issued prior to the removal of the tree(s). (amended 4/28/15 Ordinance #15-0799) The board of zoning appeals may grant a variance to minimum yard setbacks to save specimen trees when feasible.

GUIDELINES FOR REMOVAL OF LANDMARK TREES

Landmark Trees shall not be removed unless a licensed ISA Certified Arborist, Landscape Architect or professional engineer certifies:

- (1) The tree poses a hazard, (i.e. roots visibly extending under habitable structure);
- (2) Trees located within 10 feet of the foundation of a structure causing visible foundation damage.
- (3) The tree poses a safety hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (4) The tree poses a hazard to existing habitable buildings or utilities.
- (5) The tree is diseased, dead, or weakened by age, storm, fire, or other injury, which is a source of hazard to people, buildings or other improvements on a lot.

Tree removal for a landmark tree may be allowed by the code enforcement official for only those trees whose removal is essential for development (trees located within the footprint of the building). In these cases a building permit for the construction must be issued prior to the removal of the tree(s). The board of zoning appeals may grant a variance to minimum yard setbacks to save specimen trees when feasible. (amended 4/28/15 Ordinance #15-0799)

I have read and fully understand the above information. I certify that I am the OWNER, AUTHORIZED AGENT, CONTRACTOR and that I agree to comply with the Town of Surfside Beach Landscaping and Tree Protection Regulations.

Signature _____ Date _____ Print Name: _____

For additional information contact the Planning, Building & Zoning Department at 115 Hwy. 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575. Phone 843-913-6341