



Tree Removal Permit Application

Planning Department
10001 US Highway 70
Lakeland, TN 38002
Telephone (901)867-2717

Site Address: _____ Parcel ID: _____

Subdivision: _____ Lot Number: _____

Applicant:

Name: _____

Company or Partnership: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Owner:

Name: _____

Company or Partnership: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Tree (Check all that apply):

- Landmark Specimen Other
- Combination of two or more

Narrative: (Number of Trees, reason for removal):



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Provided with Submittal		For Office Use
	Completed Application	
	Site Plan showing the location of tree(s) and reasoning for removal. Site Plan shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DBH (Diameter Breast Height) of trees. Anything over 10 inch DBH requires tree removal permit. 2. Any additional new work that's being done on the property as well. 3. Any proposed fencing. (A fence permit application will be needed) 	
	Tree Survey	
	Tree Replacement Plan (If applicable)	
	Tree Bank Contributions	
	Staff may request additional information to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.	
	Application and submitted documents must be in paper and digital format.	
	Application Fee must be paid as well	

Conditions of Permit Issuance:

1. Verification of Tree type and permissible removal will have to done by a certified arborist.
2. Subdivision covenants and restrictions may also govern tree removal/replacement. Covenants/ private regulations ARE NOT enforceable by the City and may be more restrictive than City Ordinances.
3. The Plan/Permit is void if construction has not begun within six (6) months from the date the permit was issued.
4. The Plan/Permit is void if incorrect information is given on the application for the permit.

Applicant and owner must sign to indicated that they have read and understand the tree management regulations provided on the tree management information sheet and conditions of permit issuance.

 Signature of Person Completing & Submitting this Application

 Date

 Signature of Owner (If applicant is not owner)

 Date



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Definitions.

Specimen Tree:

A tree that qualifies for special consideration, per an arborist or other qualified individuals, for preservation due to size, health and type as defined by the Tree Management Ordinance.

- Type:
 - (i) Tree shall not be listed on the most recent edition of the Tennessee Invasive Exotic Plant List.
 - (ii) Trees listed on the City's recommended species list (available at City Hall)
- Size: Tree shall meet one (1) of the following parameters.
 - (i) Tree shall measure at least twenty-four (24) inches and less than sixty (60) inches DBH.
 - (ii) A lesser sized tree, if it meets any one (1) of the following criteria:
 - (a) Rare or unusual species, including but not limited to, species federally or state listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern.
 - (b) Exceptional or unique quality, including but not limited to, a tree that is the only species of its kind or size within the project area, or a tree that provides habitat for a species that is state or federally listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern. Special concern includes any species or subspecies of plant that is uncommon in Tennessee or has unique or highly specific habitat requirements or scientific value and, therefore, requires careful monitoring of its status.
- Condition: All Specimen Trees shall be in fair or better condition and shall meet the following minimum standards.
 - (i) A life expectancy of greater than fifteen (15) years.
 - (ii) (ii) A structurally sound trunk without having extensive decay.
 - (iii) (iii) No more than one (1) major and several minor dead limbs.
 - (iv) (iv) No major insect or pathological problems

Landmark Tree:

A tree that qualifies for special consideration, per an arborist or other qualified individuals, for preservation due to size, health and type as defined by the Tree Management Ordinance.

- Type:
 - (i) Tree shall not be listed on the most recent edition of the Tennessee Invasive Exotic Plant List.
- Size: Tree shall meet one (1) of the following parameters.
 - (ii) Tree shall equal to or exceed sixty (60) inches DBH.
 - (ii) A lesser sized tree of historical significance listed on the Tennessee Champion Tree list or Tennessee Landmark and Historic Tree Registry, as maintained by the Tennessee Division of Forestry.



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- Condition: All Landmark Trees shall be in fair or better condition and shall meet the following minimum standards.
 - (v) A life expectancy of greater than fifteen (15) years.
 - (vi) (ii) A structurally sound trunk without having extensive decay.
 - (vii) (iii) No more than one (1) major and several minor dead limbs.
 - (viii) (iv) No major insect or pathological problems

Applicability.

Tree Removal Permit is required on every Lot within all Zoning Districts for the removal of all Landmark and Specimen Trees and all other trees ten (10) DBH inches and greater, except on certain single-family Lots as detailed in Tree Management Ordinance, Title 13, Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code.

Requirements.

All tree removal permits shall be reviewed using the following requirements:

A. All requirements of Tree Management (refer to Tree Management Ordinance, Title 13, Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code).

B. Removal does not prevent the Lot from meeting the requirement of the Landscape Standards (refer to III.5), including Tree Canopy Coverage and landscape buffer requirements.

C. The following shall be considered:

(1) The extent to which tree clearing shown avoids excessive clearing and still permits the Applicant to achieve the proposed development or land Use.

(2) The ability to reasonably preserve or transplant the trees in question.

(3) The desirability of preserving Landmark and Specimen Trees and other larger healthy trees on the Permitted Tree List, available in City Hall.

(4) The extent to which the area would be subject to environmental degradation due to removal of the trees.



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(5) The extent to which the removal is to thin a wooded area to promote its health and development.

D. Removal of the tree shall not adversely impact soil erosion or runoff.

E. The following trees may be approved for removal without adherence to the Tree Management requirements (refer to Tree Management Ordinance, Title 13, Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code).

(1) Tree poses an imminent danger or interferes with existing utility service or traffic.

(2) A City plan or ordinance requires the location of infrastructure in the path of the tree