



THE TOWN OF  
**HIGHLANDS**

PERMIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES  
NON-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ ZONING DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

**11.2.2 Tree Protection**

The Town of Highlands strongly encourages property owners to save any existing tree eighteen (18) inches or more in diameter whenever possible.

No large or medium tree eight (8) inches DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) or greater shall be removed in any commercial or other non-residential zoning district, except upon obtaining required approvals for a commercial building project or upon issuance of a tree removal permit by the Planning and Development Director for one of the following reasons: (Please check the appropriate reason for removal):

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. When a tree is dead or
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. When a living tree is damaged due to an act of nature and is required to be removed because of placing life, limb, or property in immediate jeopardy or
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. When a tree is diseased, infected, or infested and accompanies a report from an ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) certified arborist

The approval of any tree removal permit shall include a replacement tree requirement, except for permits approved per Item A. Each replacement tree shall be a minimum three (3) to four (4) inches DBH. Replacement trees must be selected from the Recommended Plant List maintained in the office of the Planning and Development Director. Replacement trees shall be reasonably maintained and attended for a period of not less than eighteen (18) months to promote successful establishment thereof.

Approval shall also be obtained from the Planning and Development Director before conducting any pruning of trees eight (8) inches DBH or larger. The pruning shall be conducted in accordance with specific instructions provided by an UDA certified arborist.

**4.12.2 Application Requirements**

An application for tree removal shall be made per the requirements of Section 4.2.3, Application Requirements, and shall at a minimum contain the information listed below:

- A. A Site Plan, drawn to an appropriate scale, prepared by the applicant, at the applicant’s expense, which shall contain the following information:
  - 1. Locations and species of tree(s) proposed to be removed;
  - 2. Locations and species of required replacement tree(s) and
  - 3. Locations and types of tree protection devices to be provided around adjacent trees on the property that could potentially be damaged.
- B. A statement, with supporting information; identify why the tree is to be removed; reason for removal must comply with Sec. 11.2.2, Tree Protection.
- C. Any other related information deemed necessary by the Planning and Development Director.

Species of tree to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate diameter (DBH) in inches: \_\_\_\_\_

Species & Size of replacement trees: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and I hereby request permission for removal of the tree described above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED FOR THE REMOVAL OF A TREE FOR NON-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Planning & Dev. Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## List of Recommended Planting Materials

- A. Large or medium hardwood canopy trees:** Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Striped Maple, Yellow Birch, Sweet Birch, American Beech, Tulip Poplar, Sourwood, Sassafras, Shingle Oak, Chestnut Oak, Scarlet Oak, Northern Red Oak, White Oak, Black Gum, Black Locust, Black Walnut, Frasier Magnolia, Cucumber Magnolia, White Ash, Black Cherry, American Chestnut, Chinquapin, Pignut Hickory, Mockernut Hickory, Red Hickory, American Basswood, and White Basswood.
- B. Large or medium evergreen canopy trees:** White Pine, Pitch Pine, Table Mountain Pine, Virginia Pine, Balsam Fir, Red Spruce, Eastern Hemlock, and Carolina Hemlock.
- C. Small flowering understory trees:** Downy Serviceberry, American Holly, Mountain Holly, American Hornbeam, Carolina Silverbell, Flowering Dogwood, Alternateleaf Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, Pagoda Dogwood, Fringe-Tree, Yellowleaf Hawthorn, Fanleaf Hawthorn, Dotted Hawthorn, Dwarf Hawthorn, American Mountain Ash, Persimmon, Eastern Red Cedar, Mountain Sweet Pepper Bush, Yellow Buckeye, Southern Crabapple, and Sweet Crabapple.
- D. Shrubs:** Bristly Locust, Clammy Locust, Witch-Hazel, Smooth Sumac, Nine Bark, Lowbush blueberry, Highbush blueberry, Mountain Myrtle, Bushy St. Johnswort, Shrubby St. Johnswort, Eastern Sweetshrub, Smooth Azalea, Flame Azalea, Pinkshell Azalea, Pinxter Azalea, Catawba Rosebay Rhododendron (Maximum and Minus), Carolina Laurel, Mountain Laurel, Mapleleaf Viburnum, Southern Arrowwood, Possumhaw, Wild Hydrangea, Oakleaf Hydrangea, and Silverleaf Hydrangea.

## List of Non Recommended Planting Materials

- A. Trees:** Tree-of-Heaven, Silk Tree), Princess Tree, Chinaberry Tree, Tallow Tree, Norway Maple, Paper Mulberry, White Mulberry, White Poplar, and Russian Olive.
- B. Shrubs:** Silverthorn, Autumn Olive, Winged Burning Bush, Chinese Privet, Japanese Privet, Amur Honeysuckle, Morrow's Honeysuckle, Tatarian Honeysuckle, Sweet-Breath-of-Spring, Bell's Honeysuckle, Sacred Bamboo, Multiflora Rose, Macartney Rose, Cherokee Rose, Japanese Barberry, Japanese Knotweed, and Wineberry.
- C. Vines:** Oriental Bittersweet, Climbing Yams, Winter Creeper, English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle, Kudzu, Common Periwinkle, Bigleaf Periwinkle, Chinese Wisteria, Japanese Wisteria, Mile-a-Minute, and Porcelain Berry.
- D. Grasses:** Giant Reed, Tall Fescue, Red Fescue, Cogongrass, Nepalese Browntop, Chinese Silvergrass, and Golden Bamboo.