



PERMIT – TREE REMOVAL INFORMATION

Hunters Creek Village Code.

Section 18-20 Preservation and protection of trees.

(b) *Tree removal permit required.* It is unlawful for any person to remove or to intentionally, or with criminal negligence, cause serious damage to any protected tree within the city without having first obtained from the city a tree removal permit.

(1) *Removal in connection with site development or construction.*

a. *Generally.* A property owner who seeks a permit to remove one or more protected trees in order to develop or construct improvements on a site must submit to the building official a current tree survey and tree disposition and protection plan. The city shall grant a tree removal permit if the applicant demonstrates that, for each protected tree that is to be removed, the removal is necessary in order to make a reasonable use of the site, and that all alternatives to removal, including redesign of the proposed improvements, have been considered.

b. *Restrictions on additional removals.*

1. Where a permit is granted to remove protected trees in order to develop or construct a particular improvement on a site, and the subject trees are actually removed, no permit shall be granted for the removal of additional protected trees from the site for the construction of a similar improvement for a period of five years following the date the first permit was issued.
2. For example, if a permit is granted for the removal of trees for the construction of a proposed new residence and the property owner, or his successor in title, elects not to build that proposed residence, any new proposed residence on the site must be designed to fit within the area from which protected trees have been removed and cannot require the removal of additional protected trees.
3. The purpose of this provision is to prevent the unnecessary removal of protected trees based on speculative construction or development plans and to encourage property owners to seek removal of trees only when the proposed improvements will actually be constructed.



4. For the purposes of this article, the filing of an application for removal of protected trees for the construction of a particular improvement is deemed to be an admission, by the applicant, that a reasonable improvement of the type desired can be constructed on the site without removing any additional protected trees.

(2) *Other removal.*

- a. A property owner who otherwise seeks a permit to remove a protected tree must file an application with the city describing the location, species, and size of the protected tree that is to be removed and explaining the reason that removal is desired. The city shall grant a removal permit if the applicant demonstrates that:
 1. The protected tree in question is severely damaged, diseased or dead;
 2. The protected tree constitutes an unreasonable impediment to the use and enjoyment of the site because of its location or size;
 3. The tree is of an undesirable species that has characteristics that interfere with the property owner's use and enjoyment of the site;
 4. The removal of the tree is necessary for safety reasons including, but not limited to, a branch overhanging a structure, a severely leaning tree, or a tree with a seriously damaged root system that poses a reasonable threat of falling.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a property owner is not required to obtain a permit to remove a single protected tree that is severely damaged, diseased or dead or that must be removed for safety reasons, including but not limited to, a branch overhanging a structure, a severely leaning tree, or a tree with a seriously damaged root system that poses a reasonable threat of falling.

- (3) *Emergency removal.* Where the dangerous condition of a protected tree requires its immediate removal to protect against a serious and immediate risk to health, safety or property, a property owner may remove a protected tree without first obtaining a permit. However, within seven calendar days after removing the tree, the property owner must file with the building official a written statement describing the protected tree by size, species, and location and explaining the emergency conditions that required its immediate removal.

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Permit Application

Date: _____ Job Site Address: _____

Permit Type:

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|--|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comm. Build | <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Demo | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remodel | <input type="checkbox"/> Signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage | <input type="checkbox"/> Generator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Channel Bank Stabilizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Sprinkler | |

Value of Work: \$ _____ Total Affected Square Footage: _____

Description of Work: _____

Property Owner Information

Name

Phone Number

E-Mail

Fax Number

Architect / Designer Information

Name

Phone Number

E-Mail

Fax Number

Contractor / Subcontractor Information

Company Name

Phone Number

Employee Name [Printed]

Fax Number

Employee Signature

E-Mail

Company Address, City, Zip

ONLY COMPANY CHECKS, CASH, & CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED, CONTRACTOR MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK WITH CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AND LICENSE ON FILE.

OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Comments: _____

Signed By: _____ Title: _____