



Tree Permit - Information

Application Review Process:

Application Type	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Tree Permit	Submit Application	Staff Review	Staff Inspection		

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS: Upon reception of the **PAPER SUBMISSION** (see below) by Staff. Staff will review to ensure a complete submittal with 5 - 7 business days.

SUBMISSION: The following paper documents must be submitted:

ALL APPLICATIONS	One (1) completed application with original signatures.
	One (1) Affidavit (must be completed by the Landowner)
	One (1) Letter of Authorization (signed by the Landowner), <i>if the property is a condominium</i>
	Application Fee as established by the City Commission. Refer to Chapter 6 – Section. 6-10 – Enumeration of permit fees, regulations and inspection fees. Checks must be made payable to the “City of Lauderhill.”
	One (1) copy of the survey.
	One (1) sketch of the property or aerial photograph of the property showing the size and location of the site where the permitted activities will be conducted.
Commercial & Multi-family Properties	A brief description of the work to be performed, including a drawing of the proposed work or an approved site plan (on file with the City), showing the location of all existing or proposed buildings, structures and uses.
	For work conducted on undeveloped property or property slated for redevelopment, a certified tree survey and site plan of identical scales designating those trees which are proposed to be preserved, relocated, or removed is required. All tree surveys or site plans must be prepared by person(s) qualified to do so under the Laws of Florida.
	A detailed list indicating the common name, the botanical name (genus and species) and caliper (diameter of the tree at approximately 6 inches from the ground) of each tree proposed to be removed or relocated.

Tree replacement or relocation must be completed within six months of the issuance of a permit.



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Tree Requirements

Article III. Zoning Districts

Sec. 6.8.7 – Tree Removal Permit Requirements and Standards

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(b) Permitting standards for tree removal, relocation and replacement:

- (1) Any person conducting tree removal activities shall only remove a tree or trees from a site as approved for removal in a City tree removal permit.
- (2) Permits shall be issued or denied in accordance with the provisions as established by resolution of the Commission.
- (3) The term of a tree removal permit shall be in accordance with the provisions as established by resolution of the Commission.
- (4) An applicant may be eligible to receive a tree removal permit if one (1) of the following considerations is present:
 - a. Whether a proposed development cannot be located on the site without tree removal;
 - b. Whether the applicant has made every reasonable effort to incorporate existing trees in the development project and to minimize the number of trees removed;
 - c. Whether a tree proposed to be removed is of poor quality and condition;
 - d. Whether a tree proposed to be removed is obstructing safe vehicular cross visibility;
 - e. Whether a tree proposed to be removed is damaging existing improvements;
 - f. Whether a tree proposed to be removed is creating ongoing safety problems for existing development; or
 - g. Whether a tree proposed to be removed is growing too close in proximity to another tree(s) to permit normal growth and development of the affected tree(s).

If an application meets the above criteria, the City will, prior to issuing any tree removal permit, conduct a tree relocation evaluation pursuant to Section 6.8.7(d)(1).

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(d) Tree relocation:

- (1) Evaluation: For tree relocation, the City shall make the following evaluations:
 - a. A tree which meets the criteria for removal as specified in Section 6.8.7(b)(4) shall be relocated, unless it is demonstrated that relocation is not a viable alternative for a particular tree. If relocation is not a viable solution, the applicant shall replace a removed tree, pursuant to the requirements set forth in this section; and
 - b. Whether relocation is on the property or off the property, due to lack of available space on the property. Where relocation is to occur onto another property, written authorization from the property owner shall be required.

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(f) Tree replacement requirements:

- (1) Tree replacement requirements for non-specimen trees:
 - a. If the City determines that a removed tree cannot be successfully relocated, said tree shall be replaced to compensate for lost tree canopy coverage.
 - b. The following criteria shall be used by the City to determine the tree replacement requirements:
 1. The tree canopy coverage of a site shall be determined using any combination of the following methods:
 - (i) Review of aerial photography;
 - (ii) On-site inspection; and/or
 - (iii) Review of a tree survey.
 2. A tree that is successfully relocated pursuant to Section 6.8.7(g) need not be replaced.
 3. Native trees identified in Appendix 1 of this section must be planted to replace native tree canopy coverage removed.
 4. For tree replacement requirements of one (1) to five (5) trees, a minimum of one (1) species shall be utilized as a replacement tree. For six (6) to ten (10) replacement trees required, a minimum of two (2) species shall be utilized. For eleven (11) to twenty (20) replacement trees required, a minimum of three (3) species shall be utilized. For twenty-one (21) to fifty (50) replacement trees required, a minimum of four (4) species shall be utilized. For fifty-one (51) or more replacement trees required, a minimum of five (5) species shall be utilized.
 5. For trees removed pursuant to Section 6.8.7(b)(4)(a,b,c), an additional fifty (50) percent tree replacement shall be required.
 6. The number of required replacement trees shall be based upon the size of area of impact and the category of replacement trees selected by the applicant. The canopy of the replacement trees at maturity shall at least equal the canopy removed.



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TREES RECOMMENDED FOR CANOPY REPLACEMENT		
<i>*Native to Florida</i>		
Category	Common Name	Botanical Name
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	African mahogany	<i>Khaya spp.</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Bald cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Floss silk tree	<i>Chorisia speciosa</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Golden rain tree	<i>Koelreuteria formosana</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Golden shower tree	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Green Buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Gumbo limbo	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Indian tamarind	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Jacaranda	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Kapok tree	<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Laurel oak	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Live oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Mahogany	<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Mastic	<i>Mastichodendron foetidissimum</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Paradise tree	<i>Simarouba glauca</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Pitch apple	<i>Clusia rosea</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Pond cypress	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Red mulberry	<i>Morus rubra</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Royal poinciana	<i>Delonix regia</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Sea grape	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Shortleaf fig	<i>Ficus citrifolia</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Slash pine	<i>Pinus elliotii var. densa</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Soapberry	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Southern magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Spanish cherry	<i>Mimusops elengi</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Strangler fig	<i>Ficus aurea</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Sugarberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Sweet bay	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Weeping podocarpus	<i>Podocarpus gracilior</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	*Willow bastic	<i>Dipholis salicifolia</i>
1 – 12 foot height; 2.5 Inch minimum caliper	Yellow poinciana	<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	African tulip tree	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Black sapote	<i>Diospyros dignya</i>



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2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Buttercup tree	<i>Cochlospermum vitifolium</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Buttonwood (silver)	<i>Conocarpus erectus (var. sericeus)</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Cherry laurel	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Crabwood	<i>Gymnanthes lucida</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Curly pod	<i>Caesalpinia mexicana</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Dahoon holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Fiddlewood	<i>Citharexylum fruticosum</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Guiana plum	<i>Drypetes lateriflora</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Jamaica dogwood	<i>Piscidia piscipula</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Krug's holly	<i>Ilex krugiana</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Florida lilac	<i>Lonchocarpus</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Lancewood	<i>Nectandra coriacea</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Longan	<i>Euphoria longan</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Loquat	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Lychee	<i>Litchi chinensis</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Madagascar olive	<i>Noronhia emarginata</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Pigeon plum	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Pink trumpet tree	<i>Tabebuia heterophylla</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Pond apple	<i>Annona glabra</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Queen's crape-myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Orange Geiger	<i>Cordia sebestena</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Sand pine	<i>Pinus clausa</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Satinleaf	<i>Chrysophyllum oliyiforme</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Southern red cedar	<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Vera	<i>Bulnesia arborea</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	White Geiger	<i>Cordia boisseri</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	*Wild tamarind	<i>Lysiloma latisiliqua</i>
2 – 10-foot minimum height, 2.0 inch minimum caliper	Yellow tabebuia	<i>Tabebuia caraiba</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	Allspice	<i>Pimenta dioica</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	Beach acacia	<i>Acacia cyanophylla</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Black ironwood	<i>Krugiodendron ferreum</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Blolly	<i>Guapira discolor</i>



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3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	Brush cherry	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper; <i>8-foot clear trunk for palms</i>	*Cabbage palm	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Cocoplum	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	Coral bean	<i>Erythrina spp.</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	Crape-myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Jamaica caper	<i>Capparis cynophallophora</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	Macadamia nut	<i>Macadamia spp.</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Redberry stopper	<i>Eugenia confusa</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Simpson stopper	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Spanish stopper	<i>Eugenia foetida</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
3 – 10-foot minimum height, 2 inch minimum caliper	*Wild lime	<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>