



HOME OF PELICAN ISLAND  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
1225 MAIN STREET • SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA 32958  
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**APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL**

**PERMIT #** \_\_\_\_\_ **TRACKING #** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOT #** \_\_\_\_\_ **BLOCK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **UNIT #** \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBDIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COST ESTIMATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER OF PROPERTY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CONTACT PHONE NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE REMOVAL AND/OR GRUBBING BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CONTACT PHONE NO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF TREE REMOVAL:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all the foregoing information is accurate and that all work will be done in compliance with the Land Development Code (Article XIV).

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:**

1. A recorded warranty deed for unimproved lots. **Home Owners Association Approval (if applicable)**
2. One copy of an accurate and legible site plan, drawn to the largest practicable scale, showing location of the trees to be removed (height, diameter and species of each) \* use attached sheet
3. Indicate trees to be retained (height, diameter and species of each tree).
4. Indicate any trees to be planted (height, diameter and species of each trees).
5. Applicant must tag all trees to be removed with a bright ribbon around the tree approximately 6 feet above the grade.

**Office Use Only**

Application received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES/CONDITIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Specimen Tree Removal requested: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

City Manager or Designee Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## TREE REMOVAL AFFIDAVIT

**The following documentation is required by the City of Sebastian Land Development Code to be submitted with your tree removal permit:**

- 1) Plot/site plan that shows all present and proposed structures, location and size of all trees greater than 4 inches in diameter on the property.
- 2) Recorded deed indicating the current owner
- 3) Indicate size and species of tree(s) to be removed on your plot/site plan.

**Your application for tree removal requires a \$25 non-refundable inspection fee. Please choose from the following list of approved reasons for tree removal from the Land Development Code**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tree(s) present an immediate hazard or other unsafe condition to people, or threaten to cause disruption to vehicular traffic, public services or public easements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tree(s) present a hazard to structures or other improvements. **i.e.**, uprooting a structure, leaning over, or danger of falling under normal conditions other than a Hurricane.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Necessity to remove due to diseased, or fallen, weakened by age, storm, or fire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tree removal is absolutely necessary to prevent damage to property of others, public or private.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed landscaping improvements where by the applicant has planted or will plant trees to replace those that are proposed to be removed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good forestry practice; i.e., the number of healthy trees a given parcel of land will support
- \_\_\_\_\_ Necessity to remove trees to allow the economic use of the property including:
  - a. Need to gain access around the structure for construction equipment (max. 10 ft.)
  - b. Need for access to the building site for construction equipment.
  - c. Essential grade changes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Topography of the land and the adverse impact of the tree present a problem with erosion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Necessity to remove the tree(s) for the applicant to use the property for any use permitted, conditional or special, for the zoning district in which the property is located and such use could not be made unless the tree is removed. Alternative site plans shall be considered to determine if specimen trees (10" in diam. @ dbh) can be saved without the removal or damaging of the trees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Condition of the tree with respect to disease, danger of falling or interference with utility services is such that public health, safety or welfare requires its removal.

**Note: Tree replacement shall be required if upon removal the min. tree requirement is not met.**

**I understand that I must wait for an inspection and the issuance of the tree removal permit before I remove any trees on this property. I also understand that permitted tree removal shall only be undertaken between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm M-F and not during holidays in which City Hall is closed.**

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**PROVIDE PROPERTY SURVEY OR USE THIS SHEET FOR A SITE PLAN**



**SUMMARY OF TREE PROTECTION CODE**

Permits are required for the removal of all protected, specimen and historic trees.

By definition, a **protected** tree is any tree of 4 in. DBH (diameter at breast height, measured at 4-1/4 ft. above grade), or greater. A **specimen** tree is any tree 10 in. DBH or more, all red and black mangroves and excluding all palm trees, except for sabal palms. A **historic** tree is any tree so noted by resolution of City Council. Trees approved for removal shall be replaced up to the number of trees required to meet minimum tree requirements for new construction as follows:

- 1) Protected Trees: On a one-for-one basis, by a tree equal to Florida grade number 1 or greater, having a minimum height of 8 ft. and minimum diameter of 1-1/2 in. or a circumference of 4.7 in. DBH.
- 2) Specimen Trees: On a one-for-one basis, by tree equal to Florida grade number 1 or greater, having a minimum height of 12 ft. and a minimum diameter of 2-1/2 in. or a circumference of 7.8 in. DBH.
- 3) Sabal Palms: (Sabal palmetto, cabbage palms)  
Sabal palms having a clear trunk 6 ft. or greater (measured from existing grade to bottom of lowest fronds) shall be replaced on a one-for-one basis by Sabal palms having at least 6 ft. clear trunk.

**MINIMUM TREE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOTS**

9,999 or less sq/ft	5 trees
10,000 to 15,999 sq/ft	7 trees
16,000 to 19,999 sq/ft	12 trees
20,000 to 29,999 sq/ft	15 trees
30,000 to 39,999 sq/ft	18 trees
40,000 or more sq/ft	20 trees

**Credit for existing trees will be allowed based on the following criteria:**

2" to 4" DBH	1 trees
Over 4" to 10" DBH	2 trees
Over 10" to 20" DBH	3 trees
Over 20" to 30" DBH	5 trees

**NOTE:** Palm trees will be on a one-for-one credit basis.

  
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However, if trees must be added to the lot to conform to the above requirements, the following regulations will apply:

1. Minimum overall height of 8 ft. and minimum trunk diameter of 1-1/2 in. measured at 4-1/2 ft. above grade (DBH).
2. Citrus trees may be a minimum overall height of 4 ft. and shall not exceed 3 or 25% (whichever is greater) of the required minimum number of trees on the lot.
3. Palm trees shall constitute no more than 35% of the total tree requirement and shall have a minimum of 6 ft. of clear wood.
4. Trees must be Florida grade number 1 or better.
5. Suitable Trees:
  - a.) Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
  - b.) Live Oak (*Quercus mytifolia*)-not desirable to plant near septic tanks
  - c.) Laurel Oak (*Quercus laurifolia*)-not desirable to plant near septic tanks
  - d.) Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
  - e.) Slash Pine (*Pinuls elliiottii*)
  - f.) Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
  - g.) Southern Red Cedar (*Juniperus silicicola*)

The minimum number of trees must be maintained on the lot. If a tree dies, causing the number of remaining trees to fall below the minimum requirement, it must be replaced within 30 days.

Prohibited trees (ear tree, chinaberry, Australian pine, punk or cajuput tree and brazilian pepper) must be removed by the developer at the time of clearing

As the owner of the above referenced property, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the **Tree Protection Homeowner's Packet**. I also acknowledge that I have reviewed this application along with my tree survey and tree calculation form and agree with the proposed plan.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to applicant:** The site must be clearly identified and accessible for the inspector to verify the accuracy of the tree survey and calculations. Applicant shall post a copy of the permit at the site prior to commencement of grubbing, tree removal or land clearing. Permitted activities may only be undertaken between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and not during holidays in which City Hall is closed.