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RECEIPT NO.



Planning Department

CITY OF TAYLOR TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS (If applicable) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PROPERTY OWNER _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PROPERTY / PROJECT LOCATION _____ ZONING _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY _____

_____ PARCEL NUMBER _____

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTED

TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES ON SITE _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES PROPOSED FOR
REMOVAL _____

TYPE OF TREE (SPECIES)

TRUNK DIAMETER

REASON FOR REMOVAL

ATTACH SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF THE TREES PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED. GENERAL
DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED AREA AFTER PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL _____

VALIDATION – I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE DEED RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THIS ACTIVITY AND WILL CHECK THE TITLE FOR ANY DEED
RESTRICTIONS AND/OR COVENANTS. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER OF RECORD AND THAT I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER
TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION AS HIS/HER AUTHORIZED AGENT AND THAT WE AGREED TO CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE LAWS OF THIS JURISDICTION. I ALSO GIVE
PERMISSION FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY FOR INSPECTION PURPOSES.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

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INSPECTION RESULTS

Tree Removal ☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED Number of Replacement Trees Required _____

COMMENTS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(a) **Intent.** It is the intent of this section to promote an increased quality of life through the protection of trees, to provide for their replacement, where necessary, and to provide for the improvement of the quality of the replaced trees over time.

(b) **Tree Removal Permit**

(1) **Required**

- a. The removal or relocation of any tree with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of six (6) inches or greater on any property without first obtaining a tree removal permit shall be prohibited.
- b. The removal, damage or destruction of any landmark tree without first obtaining a tree removal permit is prohibited.
- c. The removal, damage or destruction of any tree located within a forest without first obtaining a tree removal permit is prohibited.
- d. Clear cutting or grubbing within the drip line of a forest without first obtaining a tree removal permit is prohibited.

(2) **Exemptions**

- a. All agricultural/farming operations, commercial nursery/tree farm operations and occupied lots of less than two (2) acres in size, including utility companies and public tree trimming agencies shall be exempt from all permit requirements of this section.
- b. Diseased and dying Ash Trees shall be exempt from all permit requirements of this section.

(3) **Display.** Tree removal permits shall be continuously displayed for the entire period which the trees are being removed.

(4) **Application.** Permits shall be obtained by submitting a tree removal permit application in a form provided by the Development Services Department, which will include the following information:

- a. The owner and/or occupant of the land on which the tree is located.
- b. The legal description of the property on which the tree is located.
- c. A description of each tree to be removed, including diseased or damaged trees, and the location thereof.
- d. A general description of the affected area after the proposed tree removal.

(5) **Review Procedures.** The Development Services Department shall review the applications for tree removal permits and may impose such conditions on the manner and extent of the proposed activity as are necessary to ensure that the activity or use will be conducted in such a manner as will cause the least possible damage, encroachment or interference with natural resources and natural processes within the affected area.

(6) **Review Standards.** The following standards shall be used to review the applications for tree removal permits:

- a. The protection and conservation of healthy, landmark and high quality trees from pollution, impairment or destruction is of paramount concern.
- b. The tree shall be evaluated for effect on the quality of the area of location, including tree species, habitat quality, health and vigor of tree, tree size and density. Consideration must be given to scenic assets, wind blocks and noise buffers.
- c. The trees and surrounding area shall be evaluated for the quality of the involved area by considering the following:
 1. Soil quality as related to potential tree disruption.
 2. Habitat quality.
 3. Tree species (including diversity of tree species).
 4. Tree size and density.
 5. Health and vigor of tree stand.
 6. Understory species and quality.
 7. Other factors such as value of the trees as an environmental asset (i.e., cooling effect, etc.)
- d. The removal or relocation of trees within the affected areas shall be limited to instances:
 1. Where necessary for the location of a structure or site improvement and when no reasonable or prudent alternative location for such structure or improvement can be had without causing undue hardship.
 2. Where the tree is dead, diseased, injured and in danger of falling too close to proposed or existing structures, or interferes with existing utility service, interferes with safe vision clearances or conflicts with other ordinances or regulations.
 3. Where removal or relocation of the tree is consistent with good forestry practices or if it will enhance the health of remaining trees.
- e. The burden of demonstrating that no feasible or prudent alternative location or improvement without undue hardship shall be upon the applicant.

(7) Landmark Trees

Table 16.03 Landmark Trees		
Common Name	Species	DBH
Arborvitae	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	18 in.
American Basswood	<i>Tilia Americana</i>	18 in.
American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	18 in.
American Chestnut (non-nut bearing)	<i>Castanea</i>	8 in.
Birch	<i>Betula</i> spp.	18 in.
Black Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	12 in.
Black Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	12 in.
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	20 in.
White Walnut	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	20 in.
Buckeye (Horse Chestnut) (non-nut bearing)	<i>Aesculus</i> spp.	18 in.
Cedar, Red	<i>Juniperus</i> spp.	12 in.

Crabapple (cultivar)	Malus spp.	12 in.
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	18 in.
Eastern Hemlock	Tsuga Canadensis	12 in.
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	8 in.
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba	18 in.
Hickory	Carya spp.	18 in.
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus	18 in.
Larch/tamarack	Larix laricina (Eastern)	12 in.
Locust	Gleditsia triacanthos	24 in.
London Planetree	Platanus spp.	18 in.
Maple	Acer spp. (except negundo)	18 in.
Oak	Quercus spp.	20 in.
Pine	Pinus spp.	18 in.
Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	15 in.
Spruce	Picea spp.	18 in.
Tuliptree	Liriodendron tulipifera	18 in.
Wild Cherry	Prunus spp.	18 in.

(c) **Protective Barriers.** It shall be unlawful to develop, clear, fill or commence any activity for which a use permit is required in or around a landmark/historic tree or forest without first erecting a continuous protective barrier around the perimeter drip line, per *Section 16.02(t)(3)*.

(d) **Relocation or Replacement**

(1) **Landmark Tree Replacement.** Whenever a tree removal permit is issued for the removal of any landmark tree with a DBH of six (6) inches or greater, such trees shall be relocated or replaced by the permit grantee. Every landmark/historic tree that is removed shall be replaced by three (3) trees with a minimum DBH of four (4) inches. Such trees will be of the species from *Table 16.02.o.1*.

(2) **Replacement of other Trees.** Whenever a tree removal permit is issued for the removal of trees, other than landmark/historic trees, with a DBH of six (6) inches or greater, such trees shall be relocated or replaced by the permit grantee if more than twenty percent (20%) of the total drip line area is removed. Tree replacement shall be done in accordance with the following:

- a. If the replacement trees are of at least two (2) inches in DBH, but less than three (3) inches in DBH, the permit grantee shall be given credit for replacing one (1) tree.
- b. If the replacement trees are of at least three (3) inches in DBH, but less than four (4) inches in DBH, the permit grantee shall be given credit for replacing one and a half (1½) trees.
- c. If the replacement trees are of at least four (4) inches in DBH, the permit grantee shall be given credit for replacing two (2) trees.

(3) **Exemptions.** All agricultural/farming operations, commercial nursery/tree farm operations and occupied lots of less than two (2) acres shall not be required to replace or relocate removed trees.

(4) **Replacement Tree Standards.** All replacement trees shall:

- a. Meet both the American Association of Nurserymen Standards (AANS) and the requirements of the state department of agriculture.
- b. Be nursery grown.

- c. Be guaranteed for two (2) years, including labor to remove and dispose of dead material. The City may request performance guarantees in accordance with *Section 25.08 Performance Guarantees*.
- d. Be replaced immediately after removal of the dead tree, in accordance with AANS.
- e. Be of the same species as the removed trees. When replacement trees of the same species are not available from Michigan nurseries or a removed tree type is considered to be undesirable, the applicant may substitute any species listed in *Table 16.02.o.1*, provided that shade trees are substituted with shade trees.
- f. Ornamental trees need not necessarily be replaced with ornamental trees, but this shall be encouraged where feasible.
- g. Be located on the same parcel of land on which the activity is to be conducted. Where tree relocation or replacement is not possible on the same property on which the activity is to be conducted, the permit grantee shall pay monies into the City tree fund for tree replacement within the City, at the time a permit is applied for.

(e) Tree Replacement Fund

- (1) The City tree replacement fund is intended to provide for the off site replacement of trees, to compensate for the loss of trees due to development, construction and inadequate safeguards during construction.
- (2) This fund is to be used for the planting of trees in areas to be determined by the City, for public areas.
- (3) Tree replacement shall be valued per inch for each inch over six (6) inches times the number of trees lost. The per inch fee shall be set by City Council by resolution.