

CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Protected Tree Removal/Grand Tree Removal
Permit Application

750 Main Street, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695 (727) 724-1515

The following trees do not require a permit: (1) Trees not on the protected tree list; (2) trees with a trunk diameter less than 4” measured 4.5 feet above existing grade; (3) dead trees. To determine if your tree meets the requirements for a Tree Removal Permit, you may contact the City Arborist for a free tree inspection prior to applying for a Tree Removal Permit.

DATE _____

PERMIT # _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Parcel ID #	/	/	/	/	/	/
	<i>Section</i>	<i>Township</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Subdivision</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Lot</i>
Site Address	_____					
Subdivision Name	_____			Gate Code _____		
Permit Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential Parcels (\$25.00)		<input type="checkbox"/> All Other Parcels (\$100.00)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Tree - Residential Parcels (\$25.00)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Tree - All Other Parcels (\$100.00)					
Reason for Removal	_____					

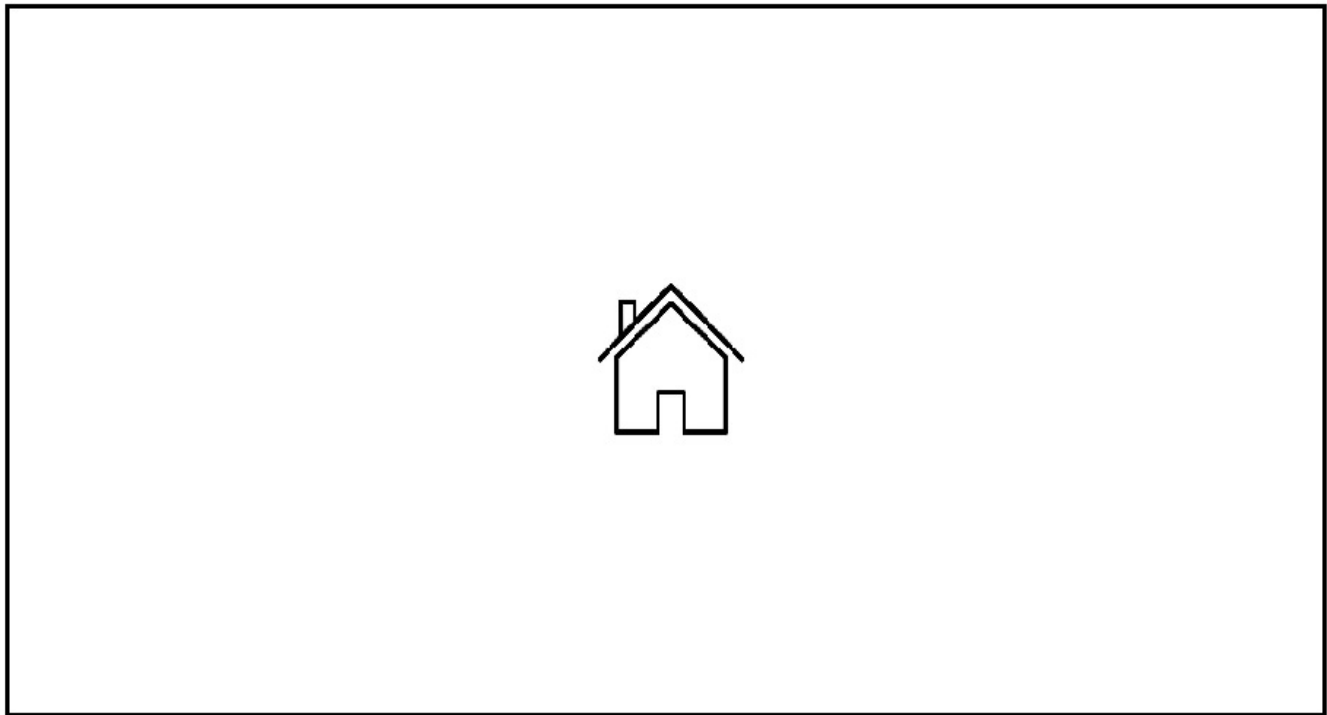
OWNER INFORMATION

Name	Telephone #
Address _____	
City	State Zip Code
Email Address _____	

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name	Telephone #
Address _____	
	FAX # _____
City	State Zip Code
Email Address _____	

In the diagram below, place an "x" at the approximate location of each Protected Tree requested for removal.
 If requesting the removal of more than one tree, please number each tree.



Protected Tree Removal: List the species and size of each protected tree to be removed below. Attach additional sheets if needed. See next page for Grand Trees.

Tree #	Protected Tree Species	*DBH	Hazardous (Y/N)	Completed by City Staff		Tree Bank Payment In Lieu Of Replacement
				Replacement Ratio (Code Sec. 153.07)	Replacement Trees Required	
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
				TOTAL		

*DBH (diameter at breast height) = diameter in inches of a tree measured at 4.5 feet above existing grade. Use next page for trees with a DBH of 26" or more.

GRAND TREES

In order for a tree to be evaluated for grand tree status it must first meet a minimum 26" DBH and be of the following species type: live oak, sand live oak, southern magnolia, sweetbay, bald cypress, pignut hickory, southern red cedar, American elm, longleaf pine or slash pine. Upon evaluation by a Certified Arborist a tree will qualify for grand tree status when it meets the minimum total points per species detailed in the Grand Tree Qualifying Form, established per Section 153.13 in the City of Safety Harbor Comprehensive Zoning and Land Development Code.

The application shall also include the following information:

1. A site plan drawn to a minimum scale of 1-20 feet showing the parcels and lots, existing and proposed grades, all proposed structures including buildings, vehicular use areas, walkways, overhead and underground utilities, retention ponds, swales, and any other structures on the property.
2. All Grand Trees shall be identified on the survey as "GT". Trees proposed for removal shall be identified.
3. A tree inventory listing each Grand Tree by size (DBH), species (botanical and common name).
4. A Grand Tree Worksheet for each grand tree.
5. An explanation as to how the proposed Grand Tree Removal meets the criteria in Section 153.14(C) for each tree proposed to be removed.

Grand Tree Removal: List the species, size, and total points below for each Grand Tree to be removed. Attach additional sheets if needed. Attach a Grand Tree Qualifying Form for each listed Grand Tree:

				COMPLETED BY CITY STAFF		
TREE #	GRAND TREE SPECIES	DBH IN INCHES	TOTAL POINTS	REPLACEMENT RATIO	REPLACEMENT TREES REQUIRED	TREE BANK PAYMENT IN LIEU OF REPLACEMENT
			SUBTOTAL			
			GRAND TREE REMOVAL FEE			
			TOTAL			

PROTECTED TREE WORKSHEET ONLY

Tree removal permits are approved with the condition that replacement tree(s) be planted anywhere on your property, or if applicable, payment of a fee in lieu of replanting. If a suitable location for replanting is not available, a fee in lieu shall be paid into the tree bank. For tree removal permits approved for hazardous trees; if your property meets the minimum shade tree requirements outlined in the city code, you have the option of making a payment to the City of Safety Harbor Tree Bank in lieu of planting replacement trees. The current mitigation rate is \$100 per Hazardous Tree removed. Additional information regarding replacement tree requirements can be found in the Land Development Code Section 153.07.

Your mitigation options are as follows:

- Plant ___ replacement tree(s) on your property.
- Plant ___ replacement trees on your property AND OR pay \$_____ to the City of Safety Harbor Tree Bank.
- Plant ___ replacement sabal palm(s) OR pay \$_____ to the City of Safety Harbor Tree Bank.
 - Replacement trees must be selected from the protected tree list and are required to be installed within 3 months of the Tree Removal Permit issuance date, or prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
 - Replacement Trees are required to have a trunk diameter of at least 2 inches, measured 12 inches above grade and are required to meet the specifications for Florida Grade 1 or better trees as detailed in the *Florida Grades and Standards of Nursery Plants*.
 - **Tree Bank payments must be received prior to issuance of a Tree Removal Permit.**

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I have been informed of the mitigation requirements and choose the following mitigation option:

- I will pay \$_____ into the City of Safety Harbor Tree Bank.
- I will plant _____ replacement trees.

Removal of Protected Trees prior to the issuance of a Tree Removal Permit subjects the owner/contractor to a violation notice, citation, and/or fine. By signing below the property owner understands there will be tree replacement requirements and/or mitigation fees payable to the City of Safety Harbor Tree Bank. The property owner agrees to abide by the tree replacement requirements and/or mitigation fees associated with this Tree Removal Permit as outlined in the City of Safety Harbor Tree Ordinance (Section 153.07).

Print Owner Name _____

Owner Signature _____

Date _____

Protected Trees are any living native shade tree set forth in the table below having a diameter at breast-height (DBH) of 4 inches or greater. Protected Trees include Sabal Palms/Cabbage Palms (Sabal palmetto) and Paurotis Palms (Acoelorrhaphe wrightii) with a clear trunk of 5 feet or more.

PROTECTED TREE LIST

<i>Scientific Name</i>	Common Name
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Silver Maple
<i>Carya glabra</i>	Pignut Hickory
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan
<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Sugarberry
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon, Common Persimmon
<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Eagleston'	Eagleston Holly
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly
<i>Juniperus silicicola</i> or <i>virginiana</i> cultivars	Southern Redcedar, Eastern Redcedar
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> cultivars	Southern Magnolia, Magnolia
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay, Swamp Magnolia
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Blackgum, Black Tupelo
<i>Pinus elliottii</i>	Slash Pine
<i>Pinus palustris</i>	Longleaf Pine
<i>Pinus taeda</i>	Loblolly Pine
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore
<i>Quercus austrina</i>	Bluff Oak
<i>Quercus geminata</i>	Sand Live Oak
<i>Quercus incana</i>	Bluejack Oak
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	Laurel Oak, Diamond Leaf Oak
<i>Quercus laevis</i>	Turkey Oak
<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	Overcup Oak
<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	Swamp Chestnut Oak
<i>Quercus myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle Oak
<i>Quercus nigra</i>	Water Oak
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> cultivars	Live Oak
<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	Pond Cypress
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Baldcypress
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	Winged Elm
<i>Ulmus Americana</i>	American Elm
<i>Ulmus parifolia</i> and cultivars	Lacebark Elm

