

# CITY OF MENTOR TREE REMOVAL PERMIT



Applicant:  Owner  Contractor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address of tree (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Species (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Select the reason for removal. Full descriptions on reverse side of this page - 919.03 Permit (c)(1) thru (8):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (damaged or diseased)           | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 (impervious material)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (root damage)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 (age)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (grade change)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 (location)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (fungus or pest infestation)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Received Notice of Violation Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 (excessively pruned or thinned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Undesirable (see list on back)      |

**\*A permit is needed in most cases because the City will require that a replacement tree be planted, typically at the City's expense. Undesirable tree removals will require the homeowner to plant a replacement at their own expense.**

\*Any private company/tree service involved in the removal of the tree must be registered with the City. This list is available by contacting the Building and Engineering Department at (440)974-5785.

\*The Director shall indicate that removal of a tree shall include the entire tree and tree stump and may require the replacement of the tree as a condition for approval.

I have read the above and hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations here within. It is further understood that CITY OF MENTOR authorization precludes the City and its appointed and elected officials from all claim and/or liability. I hereby agree to assume all liability for tree removal work to be performed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **919.03 Permit**

- c) The Director of Public Works may issue a permit to remove or cut down a tree when one of the following applies:
- (1) The tree is damaged or diseased to an extent that it is unlikely to survive or presents itself in such a diminished form so as to noticeably misrepresent the species.
  - (2) Damage is inflicted to the root system by machinery, storage of materials and/or soil compaction.
  - (3) The natural grade is changed above or below the root system or around the trunk.
  - (4) Damage is inflicted on the tree that would permit fungus or pest infection.
  - (5) The tree is excessively pruned or thinned.
  - (6) Areas are paved with concrete, asphalt or other impervious material within such proximity to the tree as to be harmful to the tree.
  - (7) The tree species is nearing the end of its predictable age and it is desirable to replace it with a younger tree.
  - (8) The tree has been placed in an area that, due to the size or shape of the tree, or the size of the area where it is planted, it is unlikely to remain healthy or is likely to cause significant damage to public infrastructure.
  - (9) The Director deems, at his discretion, that a tree should be removed.

(Ord. 22-O-072. Passed 10-4-22.)

### **1162.02 Definitions**

(34) "Undesirable tree" means any of the following: Silver Maple [*Acer saccharinum*], Box Elder [*Acer negundo*], Ailanthus or Tree of Heaven [*Ailanthus altissima*], Siberian Elm [*Ulmus pumila*], Poplars [*Populus* species], Buckthorn [*Rhamnus* species], Russian and Autumn olive [*Eleagnus angustifolia* and *umbellata*], American sweetgum [*Liquidambar styraciflua*] and Amur Honeysuckle [*Lonicera maackii*].

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