



City of Alachua Land Development Regulations Tree Removal Permit Application

Reference Sections 2.4.17 and 6.2.1 of the City of Alachua Land Development Regulations

*** You must provide all applicable information for your application to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The City must have a current Local Business Tax Receipt for the tree removal company performing the work.**

Date: _____

A. APPLICANT

1. Applicant's Status Owner (title holder) Agent
2. Name of Applicant(s) or Contact Person(s): _____ Title: _____
Company (if applicable): _____
Mailing address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3. If the applicant is agent for the property owner*:
Name of Owner (title holder): _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

* Must provide executed Authorized Agent Affidavit authorizing the agent to act on behalf of the property owner.

B. PROPERTY AFFECTED

1. Address of Subject Property: _____
2. Parcel ID Number(s): _____
3. Existing Use of Property: _____
4. Location of trees to be removed (may attach separate drawing): _____

5. How are the trees identified (ribbon, paint mark, etc): _____
6. Acreage: _____

C. TREES TO BE REMOVED (LIST EACH TREE SEPARATELY- MAY ATTACH SEPARATELY IF NEEDED)

Species	Diameter Breast Height (4 ½ feet above ground level)

D. ATTACHMENTS

1. Applicant must provide information and identify which of the following conditions are met:

- Immediate safety hazard**
The tree is an immediate safety hazard, either to persons who reasonably may be physically harmed by the tree or to domestic animals, buildings, or other construction, motor, bicycle or pedestrian traffic.
- Infestation of harmful insects or fungi**

The tree is infected with an infestation of harmful insects or fungi that are not generally present on other trees of the species and may reasonably be expected to spread to other trees not so infected.

No other reasonable or economic alternatives to use

The tree, by its location, prevents reasonable use or development of the site, and that no other reasonable or economical alternatives to such use or development are possible.

Progressive damage to buildings or structures

The tree, by the normal growth of its branches or roots, is causing progressive damage to buildings, structures, or other more desirable trees and that no reasonable correction or prevention is available other than the tree's removal.

2. Tree replacement plan (if applicable) pursuant to Section 6.2.1(D)(1) and 6.2.1(D)(4)

(D) Tree planting, relocation, replacement, credit, banking.

(1) New trees. New trees shall be installed to replace healthy regulated trees removed pursuant to this section. Regulated trees shall be replaced on a one-for-one basis. Healthy heritage and champion trees removed as provided herein shall be replaced on an inch-for-inch basis.

Replacement trees shall be graded Florida No. 1 or better, as outlined in the most recent publication of the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, Part II, Palms and Trees. The term "healthy", as stated herein, means "good" or better per the standard definition from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) stating the tree has no major structural problems, no significant damage due to disease or pests, no significant mechanical damage, a full balance crown, and normal twig condition and vigor for its species. Palm trees may be utilized as replacement trees but at an increased ratio of 3:1 replacement and shall be a minimum of eight feet tall at the time of planting.

(4) Tree replacement.

(a) When the applicant is required to replace a regulated or heritage tree as a condition of approval for a tree removal, site plan or subdivision plat, the applicant shall select site-appropriate trees. If it is feasible, the regulated, heritage, or champion tree may be related on the same parcel of land. When selecting replacement trees from the recommended tree list, the applicant shall choose from a similar species or category as the tree that is being removed. For example, a canopy tree should be replaced with a tree from the canopy or large tree list.

(b) If the applicant is required to replace a regulated or heritage tree as a condition of approval for a tree removal, site plan or subdivision plat, up to 25% of the trees required to meet the site landscaping, parking lot landscaping, or perimeter buffer standards may be counted towards the requirements of Subsection 6.2.1(D)(1).

(c) At least 50 percent of the total required replacement trees shall be shade trees and at least 75 percent of the total required trees shall be site-specific trees appropriate for the site.

(d) Trees must meet the minimum requirements found in Section 6.2.2(D)(9)(b)(ii).

(e) Trees from the recommended tree list used to meet the requirements of this section shall be graded Florida No. 1 or better, as outlined by the most recent publication of the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants.

(f) Trees shall be planted in accordance with xeriscaping principles and accepted arboricultural standards and practices.

(g) The pervious area or tree lawn provided around trees shall be sufficient to permit root growth and provide for longevity of the tree species planted. The height of the tree at maturity and root size shall be considered in the selection of the trees.

(h) Trees shall be planted in accordance with the City of Alachua Department of Public Services Requirements for Design and Construction, as amended.

(i) No tree shall be planted within ten feet of a fire hydrant or utility pole, within 15 feet of a driveway apron, within 20 feet of a traffic sign, or within 25 feet of an intersection in order to ensure adequate visibility.

(j) The owner of the parcel shall be responsible for the maintenance of all preserved, relocated, or replacement trees. **All trees will be inspected by an arborist, forester, or registered landscape architect, hired by the owner, within six months after planting to ensure the trees are surviving in a healthy condition. A certified report shall be provided to the land development regulations administrator describing the condition of the trees.** Trees found to be in declining condition shall be replaced by the owner of the parcel within 30 days of submittal of the report. If replacement is necessary, there shall be a re-inspection report submitted within six months after the replacement replanting.

(k) Champion trees may not be removed except by Resolution of the City Commission finding that the following conditions have been met:

(i) A report from a certified arborist documenting that:

(a) The tree is dead; or,

(b) The tree is seriously diseased and treatment is not practical; or,

(c) The tree is significantly damaged and remedial pruning would not be effective in rehabilitating the tree.

Attachments 1 and 2 of Section D are required for a complete application.

I/We certify and acknowledge that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Co-applicant

Typed or printed name and title of applicant

Typed or printed name of co-applicant

For Official Use Only

Date: _____

_____ Disapproved _____ Approved

Permit valid through _____

Notes:

Signature of Code Enforcement Officer _____

Signature of Land Development Regulations Administrator _____