



## Tree Removal Permit Application

### Important Information

**Intent:** It is our policy to maintain the forested characteristics that give the city its name, “Forest Acres.” The tree ordinance is not intended to cause unnecessary hardship to any individual, entity or public agency. It is intended to provide for the reasonable conservation of existing trees.

#### A permit is required for:

- **Any significant tree**
  - *Any tree having a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 12 inches or larger*
  - *Sweet Bay with a DBH of 4 inches or larger*
  - *Eastern Redbud with a DBH of 4 inches or larger*
  - *American Holly with a DBH of 4 inches or larger*
  - *Flowering Dogwood with a DBH of 4 inches or larger*
  - *Sourwood with a DBH of 6 inches or larger*
- Any tree located within 25 feet of the right-of-way of Forest Dr., Trenholm Rd. or Beltline Blvd.
- Any tree or shrub located within the 5 foot required buffer zone between residential and commercial property as provided for in Section 21.5.14

#### While reviewing your application, the following conditions will be taken into consideration:

- *Dead or dying trees*
- *Structurally unstable trees (note: a leaning tree is not necessarily structurally unstable)*
- *Trees preventing essential grade changes or reasonable utility installations*
- *Trees preventing a reasonable site configuration including the establishment of a lawn*
- *Trees preventing a reasonable means by which building, zoning, subdivision, health, public safety or other municipal requirements can be met*
- *Storm damage where 50% of more of the canopy is broken or damaged*

**Just because a tree is unsightly or unattractive does not make it eligible for removal unless one or more of the above conditions are present.**