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APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

See Ordinance 2026-17 for tree removal regulations

This application can be filed online at HistoricFlemington.com/TreeRemoval

APPLICANT NAME:_____

APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY BLOCK:_____ PROPERTY LOT: _____

PHONE: _____EMAIL: _____

IS THE APPLICANT THE RESIDENT OR HIRED BY THE RESIDENT OF THE PROPERTY? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Resident is defined as: An individual who resides on the residential property or contractor hired by the individual who resides on the residential property where a tree(s) regulated by this chapter is removed or proposed to be removed.

NAME OF TREE REMOVAL CONTRACTOR: _____

CONTRACTOR ADDRESS: _____

CONTRACTOR PHONE: _____

CONTRACTOR EMAIL:_____

CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBER:_____

PROPOSED DATE OF REMOVAL: _____

ATTACH A LIST DESCRIBING THE SPECIES OF EACH TREE TO BE REMOVED, ITS DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT, WHETHER IT IS A HAZARD TREE, THE JUSTIFICATION FOR BEING A HAZARD TREE ITS JUSTIFICATION FOR BEING A HAZARD TREE, AND WHETHER IT IS A STREET TREE.

ATTACH A MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE TREE(S) TO BE REMOVED. NUMBER THE TREES TO CORRESPOND WITH THE LIST.

DO YOU INTEND TO REPLACE TREES, PAY THE FEE-IN-LIEU OF PLANTING, OR A COMBINATION (IF APPLICABLE)?_____

_____# OF TREES TO BE PLANTED $_____FEE-IN-LIEU TO BE PAID

IF REPLACING TREES, ATTACH A LIST OF THE TREES INCLDUING SPECIES INFORMATION, CALIPER, AND NUMBER OF EACH TYPE TO BE PLANTED

By signing below you certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct, that you are authorized to submit the application on behalf of the property owner, that you have read, understand, and agree to the regulations set forth in Ordinance 2026-17, and will pay any necessary fees associated with this application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____
DATE: _____

Application Fee: $50
The total fee-in-lieu of planting will be calculated by the Code Enforcement Officer.
The application fee does not apply when tree removal is part of a site-plan or subdivision application. The resident exemption and hazard-tree exemption do not automatically waive the application fee.
Checks can be made out to “Borough of Flemington.”

Tree Replacement Requirements Table			
Category	Tree Removed (DBH)	Tree Replacement Criteria	Fee in Lieu of Planting per Removed Tree
1	DBH of 2.5” (for street trees) or 6” (for non-street trees) to 12.99”	Replant 1 tree with a minimum tree caliper of 1.5” for each tree removed	$350
2	DBH of 13” to 22.99”	Replant 2 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5” for each tree removed	$700
3	DBH of 23” to 32.99”	Replant 3 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5” for each tree removed	$1,050
4	DBH of 33” or greater	Replant 4 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5” for each tree removed	$1,400

Trees may be replaced as specified above or a payment to the Borough Tree Fund may be made in lieu of planting.

DBH shall be measured approximately 4½ feet above ground level from the uphill side. If the trunk divides below that height, measure at the highest point before division. Don’t forget to divide the circumference by pi (3.14159265) for the diameter!

Residents who remove fewer than three (3) trees that fall into Category 1, 2, or 3 of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table within a rolling five-year period shall be exempt from the tree-replacement and Fee in Lieu of Planting requirements for those trees.

This exemption shall not relieve the resident from submitting a Tree Removal Permit application, obtaining Borough approval before removal, or paying the applicable application fee.

If the applicant elects to plant replacement trees, they shall:

1. Be replaced within any area on the premises the removal took place. Street Trees shall be replaced in kind within the planting strip of the Right of Way;
2. Be planted in accordance with the applicable planting standards set forth in §1632.1 and §1632.2.
3. Be selected from the approved planting lists within 1632.1, or shall be approved by the Borough Shade Tree Commission.
    1. All replacement plantings shall be subject to the following diversity requirements:
        1. Where up to two replacement trees are provided, there is no diversity requirement.
        2. Where at least three and up to five replacement trees are provided, not more than 2/3 of such replacement trees shall be of any one species.
        3. Where six or more replacement trees are provided, not more than 1/2 of such replacement trees shall be of any one species.
4. Replacement trees shall be planted within 12 months of the date of removal of the original tree(s) or at an alternative date specified by the Borough;
5. Replacement trees shall be monitored by the applicant for a period of two years to ensure their survival and shall be replaced as needed within 12 months; and
6. Replacement trees shall not be planted in temporary containers or pots, as these do not count towards tree replacement requirements.
7. Replacement trees shall be calculated as such:
    1. Trees selected from the table in §1632.1 shall constitute as 1.00 replacement trees.
    2. Evergreen trees shall constitute as 0.75 replacement trees.
    3. Arborvitae and other evergreen shrubs at least six feet tall at time of planting shall constitute as 0.25 replacement trees.
    4. Saplings shall constitute as 0.05 replacement trees.
    5. Individual values that result in a fractional number as calculated above shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
    6. At least 75% of the total value of replacement trees as calculated above.

A full list of acceptable replacement trees is available upon request or can be found at §1632.1B

Hazard Trees are defined as:

A tree or limbs thereof that meet one or more of the criteria below. Trees that do not meet any of the criteria below and are proposed to be removed solely for development purposes are not hazard trees.

A. Has an infectious disease or insect infestation;
B. Is dead or dying;
C. Obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles, where pruning attempts have not been effective;
D. Is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.); or
E. Is determined to be a threat to public health, safety, and/or welfare.

Unless in the case of imminent threat of danger exists to persons or property, an application to remove hazard trees shall be filed prior to their removal. In the event of imminent danger, a person seeking to remove hazard trees shall document that such tree meets the definition of "hazard tree" contained herein as well as such hazardous conditions which warrants the immediate removal without filing the application pursuant to this section. Hazard trees may be confirmed by the Code Enforcement Officer; however, the Code Enforcement Officer may require certification by a certified arborist or Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) that the tree(s) in question meets the definition of a “hazard tree” as defined herein.

Trees deemed hazard trees may be removed with no fee in lieu of planting or replacement requirement.

Street Tree is defined as: A tree planted in the sidewalk, planting strip, and/or in the public right-of-way adjacent to (or specified distance from) the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic. This also includes trees planted in planting strips within the roadway right-of-way, i.e., islands, medians, pedestrian refuges.