

Borough of Doylestown

Department of Building and Zoning Permit Application for Tree Removal

Background:

Trees are a natural resource and improve air quality, lower air temperature, reduce storm water runoff, raise property values, and contribute to the aesthetics of neighborhoods within the Borough of Doylestown. As such, the Borough of Doylestown has a Tree Removal Ordinance that regulates the removal of trees within in the Borough. This ordinance requires that prior to removal of any protected tree; the property owner shall acquire a Tree Removal Permit from the Department of Building and Zoning, located at 57 West Court Street. There is a \$15 fee for this permit.

When A Tree Removal Permit is Required:

A Tree Removal Permit is required to remove any protected tree. Protected trees are defined as:

- Any deciduous tree 10 inches or greater in diameter measured at 48 inches above the ground.
- Any evergreen tree 8 inches or greater in diameter measured at 6 inches above the ground.
- Any ornamental or unique species or quality tree 5 inches or greater in diameter measured at 6 inches above the ground.
- Dead and damaged tree removal requires a permit unless emergency removal is authorized by the police, the fire department, or Borough staff.
- A permit is not required to remove Sumac, Box Elder, Sassafras, or Ailanthus trees.

Process:

1. Complete the Tree Removal Permit Application and bring to the Borough Zoning and Planning Office at 57 West Court Street with a check for 15 dollars.
2. The staff will accept your completed permit application and advise you when the next shade tree commission meeting will occur and if you need to appear at the meeting.
3. The Borough Arborist will visit the site and inspect the tree(s) proposed for removal.
4. The Shade Tree Commission will review the removal request at the monthly meeting. You should plan on attending in case the committee has questions.
5. The Shade Tree Commission will make a recommendation on approval of the permit and the Zoning and Planning officer will make a decision to grant or deny the permit based on the recommendation.
6. If you are not present at the meeting you will be notified of the outcome of the application with in two days of the meeting.
7. If the Tree Removal Permit is approved, the applicant must post the permit on-site during the removal of the tree.

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Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Address: _____	
Property Owner Name: _____	Owner Phone: _____
Property Owner Address: _____	

TREE REMOVAL CONTRACTOR'S INFORMATION:

Company Name: _____	Phone: _____
Company Address: _____	Borough Registration # _____
Contact Name : _____	Contact Phone: _____
If Owner is doing the work complete Affidavit of Exemption from Proof of Worker's Compensation Form	

DESCRIPTON OF WORK:

Number of Trees:	Age of Tree(s):	Diameter of trunk(s) in inches:
Type of Tree(s):		
Health/ Condition of trees:		
Why do you want to remove tree(s)		
Location of tree(s)		

APPLICATION PROCESSING RECORD (Borough Office Use Only)

Amount Paid:	Date:	Check Number:
Payor:	Received by:	
Date of STC Review:	Applicant Present: Yes No	Zoning Officer Signature:
Permit is: Granted Denied Other:	Reason:	
Comments/Conditions: _____		
Applicant notified by:	On Date:	
Permit Number Issued:	On Date:	

- Do not begin work until you have a permit . Removal of a protected tree with out a permit may subject you to a fine of up to \$600.
- Complete Site Plan an attach.

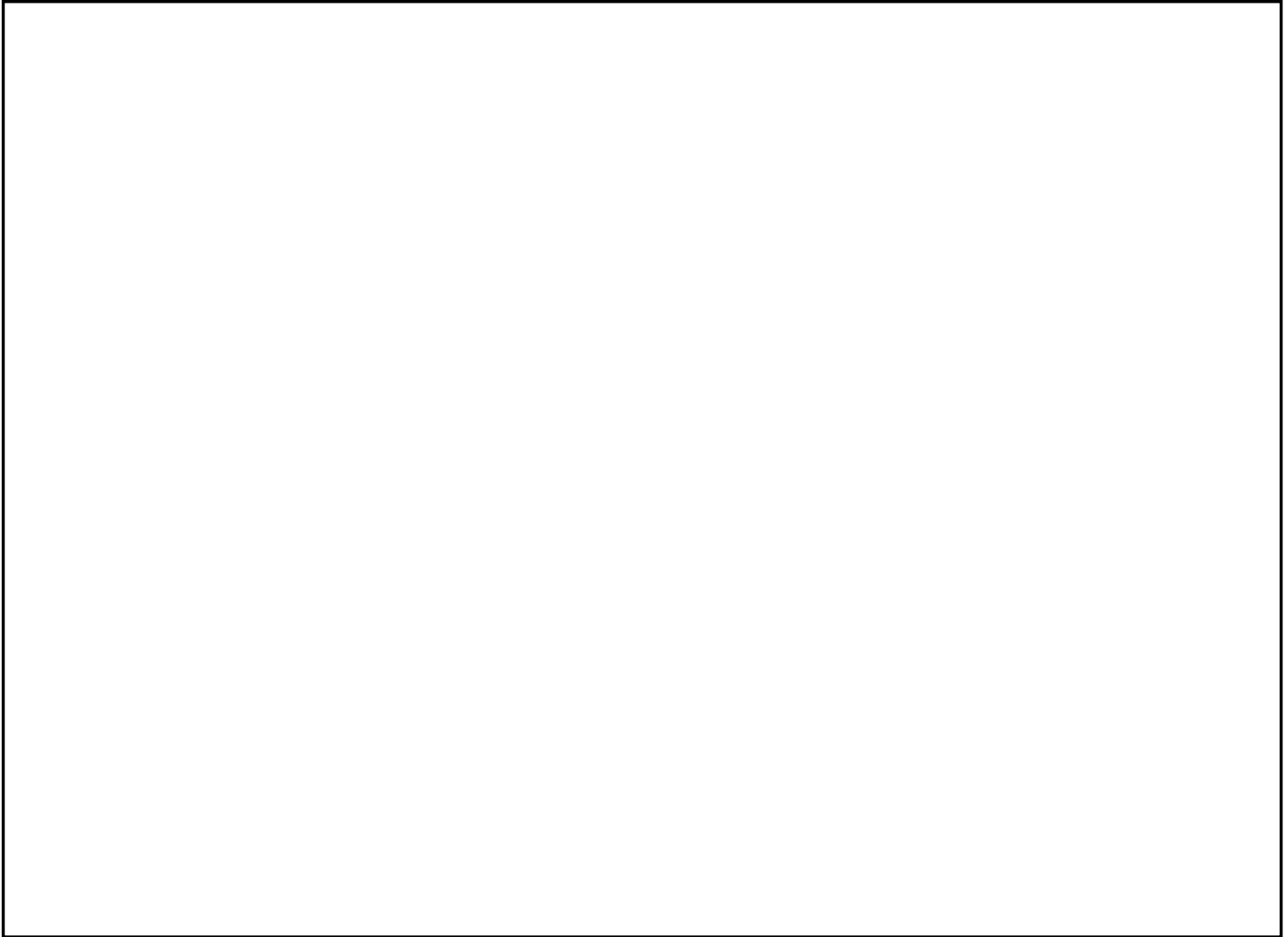
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SITE PLAN

Top Down View of Property

- Include tree(s) to be removed, buildings, existing structures, fence, gates, driveways and frontage street



- In order to process a Tree Removal Permit application, the Borough Arborist and Planning staff must enter your property. By applying for a Tree Removal Permit, you are consenting to an on-site inspection.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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