

City of Petersburg Virginia

Tree Removal Permit Application

Permits apply to trees located on public property or city managed Rights of Way (ROW). Permits are not required to remove trees on private property *unless* they are designated as protected by the City or under the City's Code of Ordinances Section 2 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas.

For safety reasons, the City maintains the right to prune or remove vegetation encroaching City ROWs even if the base of the tree is located on private property, or on other City-owned properties where the City Arborist has determined the tree to be hazardous.

Tree Location (nearest address):

Applicant Name: _____ (Licensed Contractor / Tree Service Company OR adjacent property owner)

Applicant Address (if different from above): _____

Applicant email: _____ phone: _____

Tree is located on public property ___ yes ___ no. **This permit is for public trees only.**

___ Applicant is the adjacent property owner requesting the city to maintain the tree.

___ Applicant is a private tree service hired by the adjacent property owner. The tree service must be licensed, bonded, and insured. Work must be performed under the supervision of an ISA Certified Arborist.

Please attach the current insurance certificate for the tree care company.

Tree species (if known): _____ Estimated height _____ ft.

Tree Diameter (tree circumference measured at 4' off the ground, divided by 3.14): _____

Reason for request:

NOTE: Petersburg's public trees are considered to be a valuable asset and are therefore protected from unwarranted actions. Requests for tree removal and tree pruning will be reviewed by the City Arborist, and each tree will be evaluated for health and safety to determine whether a hazard is present. Trees can be condemned by the City Arborist when they are at least 50% dead.

Under no circumstances may work be performed on any public trees by any persons without express written permission from the City obtained at least one week before commencement of such work. Removal permit will have been issued by the City and must be posted at the job site. Removal without permission is a class 1 misdemeanor if the value of or damage to the property, memorial or monument is less than \$1,000.00. For damages greater than \$1,000 a court may

determine the restitution required. The City may elect, at its discretion, to award restitution of existing tree values, such as the purchase price per caliper inch to replace the tree diameter that was removed without a permit (e.g. to replace a 10" diameter tree, five 2" trees are required). Tree replacement value may be doubled (e.g. ten 2" trees) at the discretion of the Director. In addition, the city may cause to be planted a new replacement tree on site and the cost billed to the party committing the violation.

The City Arborist shall inspect the tree specified in the permit application. In most cases involving public tree assets, the city will perform the work to remove, prune or treat the tree(s) in question.

Any vegetation that may have an impact to the City's streets, sidewalks or *right-of-way* must be reviewed for approval by the Director of Public Works and Utilities.

City Use Only Below This Line:

Permit approved: ____

Permit not approved: ____

Reason for denial:

(e.g. tree is healthy, only one limb needs removal, and tree is otherwise sound)

Recommended action (if any):

Arborist report attached: