

Town of St. George Tree Permit Application

To remove a protected or landmark tree, a permit must be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Application for permits must be made at the Town Office not less than seventy-two (72) hours in advance of proposed tree removal. The Zoning Administrator shall issue the permit within five (5) business days of application if the proposal meets the criteria for tree removal. Any permit granted shall contain a definite date of expiration, to be agreed to by the applicant and to be not more than thirty (30) days, before which work shall be completed. Within five days after tree removal, notice of completion shall be given to the Zoning Administrator. Completion includes all debris and stump removal.

Site Address: _____

Applicant Name and Contact Info: _____

Number/Types of Trees: _____

Protected Trees: Yes _____ or No _____ (See below)

Reason for Tree Removal: _____

Contractor Name and Contact Info:

Protected Trees:

(a) *Protected Tree*: A tree or group of trees, due to its stature, location, significance, or deemed “valuable” by the Town shall be protected against development. If a protected tree is lost due to development, it shall be replaced “caliper for caliper” by any pre-approved planted tree(s). Trees protected by the Town of St. George shall generally be:

- a. any approved consider as tree, as listed in Appendix A,
- b. of a diameter at breast height (DBH):
 - a. Large size trees - sixteen or more inches (16"≥),
 - b. Medium size trees – twelve inches or more (12"≥), and
 - c. Small trees and shrubs - eight inches or more (8"≥)
- c. any tree planted or retained to meet the requirements of the Landscape Ordinance (Sections 4.3 through 4.6).

(b) *Landmark Tree*: any tree that is defined as rare, endangered or protected according to Town, County, State or Federal law, rule or regulation; one which has significant old age; one which is associated with historical event or person; one which is a tree species of record size; one which has a non-invasive or spreading abnormality; or one which has been determined by the Town Zoning Administrator as having scenic enhancement qualities. Additional characteristics include but are not limited to

1. a protected tree due to its stature and is deemed as “Landmark tree” by the Town.
2. a large maturing broadleaf trees, as listed in Appendix A, and generally having a DBH of thirty or more inches (30"≥);
3. a large maturing coniferous tree, as listed in Appendix A, and generally having a DBH of twenty or more inches (20"≥); and
4. a small maturing tree, as listed in Appendix A, and generally having a DBH of ten or more inches (10"≥).

Protected Tree Species:

1. Small Tree or shrub – less than 25 feet in height at maturity.
Dogwood, redbud, wax myrtle, sweetbay magnolia, persimmons, hollies, loquat, camellias, crab apples, and ligustrum
2. Medium Tree or shrub – less than 40 feet in height at maturity.
Cabbage/palmetto palm, birch, Leyland cypress, eastern red cedar, crape myrtles
3. Large Tree – at least 40 feet and up to 100 feet or more in height at maturity.
oaks, hickory, maples, bald cypress, black gum, elms, tulip popular, southern magnolia, beeches

Please mark trees on site with paint or flagging tape.