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APPLICATION FOR LAND CLEARING

TRACKING #: _____ **PERMIT #:** _____

LOT #: _____ **BLOCK #:** _____ **UNIT #:** _____ **SUBDIVISION:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE #: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE #: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

LAND CLEARING BY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE #: _____

PURPOSE FOR LAND CLEARING: _____

I certify that all the foregoing information is accurate and that all work will be done in compliance with the Land Development Code (Article XIV).

Signature of Applicant: _____

Office Use Only

Application received by: _____ Date: _____ Fee: _____

Inspected by: _____ Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied _____

Specimen Tree Removal requested: Yes _____ No _____

City Manager or His Designee Approval: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. A recorded warranty deed.
2. 2 copies of the survey locating all present and proposed structures, driveways, parking areas, other planned areas, on-site sewage disposal facilities, water bodies and easements.
3. On the survey, locate trees as follows:
 - a. Protected Trees: Any tree having a diameter of 4 in. or greater, measured at 4-1/2 ft. above grade (DBH); identify such trees by botanical or common name and size.
 - b. Specimen Trees: Any tree having a diameter of 10 in. or greater, measured at 4-1/2 ft. above grade (DBH), all red and black mangroves, and exclude palm trees, except for sabal palms; identify such trees by botanical or common name and size.
 - c. Prohibited Exotic Trees: All Ear Trees, Chinaberry, Australian Pines, Punk or Cajuput and Brazilian Peppers; identify by botanical or common name.
 - d. Any 2 in. or greater DBH tree, not already noted above, which you intend to preserve and use in the tree credit calculation toward the required number of trees; identify by botanical or common name and size.
4. On the survey, classify all identified trees as follows:

Trees to be removed.....Please circle in Red

All trees not circled in red are to be preserved.
5. A completed Tree Calculation Form **MUST** be attached.

Prior to development or construction activity, the developer shall erect suitable brightly colored tree protection barricades, a minimum 4 ft. tall, around trees to be preserved and shall remain in place until the construction activities are completed. The area within the tree protection barricade shall remain free of all building materials, dirt or other construction debris, vehicles and development activities. Barricade shall be erected at a minimum distance from the base of the trees to be preserved according to the following standards:

- a) For trees 10 in. or less DBH. Tree protection barricades shall be placed a minimum distance of 5 ft. from the base of each tree to be protected.
- b) For historic trees and trees greater than 10 in. DBH. Protective barricades shall be placed at a minimum distance of 10 ft. from the base of each tree to be protected plus an additional 1 ft. for each additional inch DBH greater than 10 in.

Changes to grade or construction of impervious surface or utilities within the required protective barricade shall be permitted subject to the following guidelines:

1. Changes in grade or construction within protected zone must be approved by the City Manager or his designee prior to the beginning of construction. Plans must be submitted which illustrate in detail protective measures necessary to protect the trees.
2. Impervious surfaces shall maintain minimum clearance from the bases of all trees to be protected. Trees 15 in. DBH or less shall have a minimum clearance of 6 ft. Trees over 15 in. DBH up to 20 in. DBH shall have a minimum clearance of 9 ft. Historic and trees over 20 in. DBH shall have a minimum clearance of 12 ft.
3. All roots outside the protective barricade to be removed during construction shall be severed clean.
4. All pruning of historic and specimen trees shall be done by a qualified tree service during construction.

TREE CALCULATION
(See next page for explanation)

STREET ADDRESS : _____

LOT #: _____ BLOCK # _____ UNIT # _____ SUBDIVISION: _____

TOTAL SQUARE FOOT OF PROPERTY _____

REQUIRED NUMBER OF TREES _____

EXISTING TREES TO BE RETAINED FOR CREDIT

Species	Size DBH	# of Trees	x	Credit Allowed	Total Tree Credit

SUBTOTAL _____

TREES TO BE PLANTED TO MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Species from list of suitable trees	Size, Height, DBH	# of Trees Planted

SUBTOTAL _____

Total must be equal to or greater than minimum required **TOTAL TREES** _____

NOTE: Application for Building Permit will include this copy of the approved Tree Calculation

SUMMARY OF TREE PROTECTION CODE

Permits are required for the removal of all protected, specimen and historic trees.

By definition, a protected tree is any tree of 4 in. DBH (diameter at breast height, measured at 4-1/4 ft. above grade), or greater. A specimen tree is any tree 10 in. DBH or more, all red and black mangroves and excluding all palm trees, except for sabal palms. A historic tree is any tree so noted by resolution of City Council. Trees approved for removal shall be replaced up to the number of trees required to meet minimum tree requirements for new construction as follows:

- 1) Protected Trees: On a one-for-one basis, by a tree equal to Florida grade number 1 or greater, having a minimum height of 8 ft. and minimum diameter of 1-1/2 in. or a circumference of 4.7 in. DBH.
- 2) Specimen Trees: On a one-for-one basis, by tree equal to Florida grade number 1 or greater, having a minimum height of 12 ft. and a minimum diameter of 2-1/2 in. or a circumference of 7.8 in. DBH.
- 3) Sabal Palms: (Sabal palmetto, cabbage palms)
Sabal palms having a clear trunk 6 ft. or greater (measured from existing grade to bottom of lowest fronds) shall be replaced on a one-for-one basis by Sabal palms having at least 6 ft. clear trunk.

MINIMUM TREE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOTS

9,999 or less sq/ft	5 trees
10,000 to 15,999 sq/ft	7 trees
16,000 to 19,999 sq/ft	12 trees
20,000 to 29,999 sq/ft	15 trees
30,000 to 39,999 sq/ft	18 trees
40,000 or more sq/ft	20 trees

Credit for existing trees will be allowed based on the following criteria:

2" to 4" DBH	1 trees
Over 4" to 10" DBH	2 trees
Over 10" to 20" DBH	3 trees
Over 20" DBH	5 trees

NOTE: Palm trees will be on a one-for-one credit basis.

However, if trees must be added to the lot to conform to the above requirements, the following regulations will apply:

1. Minimum overall height of 8 ft. and minimum trunk diameter of 1-1/2 in. measured at 4-1/2 ft. above grade (DBH).
2. Citrus trees may be a minimum overall height of 4 ft. and shall not exceed 3 or 25% (whichever is greater) of the required minimum number of trees on the lot.
3. Palm trees shall constitute no more than 35% of the total tree requirement and shall have a minimum of 6 ft. of clear wood.
4. Trees must be Florida grade number 1 or better.
5. Suitable Trees:
 - a.) Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
 - b.) Live Oak (*Quercus mytifolia*)-not desirable to plant near septic tanks
 - c.) Laurel Oak (*Quercus laurifolia*)-not desirable to plant near septic tanks
 - d.) Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
 - e.) Slash Pine (*Pinuls elliottii*)
 - f.) Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
 - g.) Southern Red Cedar (*Juniperus silicicola*)

The minimum number of trees must be maintained on the lot. If a tree dies, causing the number of remaining trees to fall below the minimum requirement, it must be replaced within 30 days.

Prohibited trees (ear tree, chinaberry, Australian pine, punk or cajuput tree and brazilian pepper) must be removed by the developer at the time of clearing

As the owner of the above referenced property, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the **Tree Protection Homeowner's Packet**. I also acknowledge that I have reviewed this application along with my tree survey and tree calculation form and agree with the proposed plan.

Date: _____ Signature of Owner: _____

Printed Name of Owner: _____

Note to applicant: The site must be clearly identified and accessible for the inspector to verify the accuracy of the tree survey and calculations. Applicant shall post a copy of the permit at the site prior to commencement of grubbing, tree removal or land clearing. Permitted activities may only be undertaken between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and not during holidays in which City Hall is closed.