LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Street Tree Removal / Planting Permit Application

This application is for street trees only (trees in the right-of-way, between the curb and sidewalk).
If you have any questions, please call (859) 425-2558.
Please print legibly.

Property Owner Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____
(City) *(State)* *(Zip)*

Phone: Primary ( ) _____

Alternate ( ) _____

Email address: _____

If the tree's location is other than primary address, please complete this section:

Address: _____

Lexington, Kentucky _____
(zip)

Only the property owner may apply to remove street trees

Trees to be removed or planted (Circle REMOVED and/or PLANTED. Attach additional sheets as needed)

Number _____ Species/Type _____ DBH (inches) _____

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(DBH = diameter at 4 1/2 feet above ground)

Reason(s) for removal

- ☐ Dead
- ☐ Severe decay/rot
- ☐ Pathogen (baterial/virus)
- ☐ Insect infestation
- ☐ Disease (fungal)
- ☐ Infastructure damage
- ☐ Structural damage to tree
- ☐ Utility conflict
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

Comments: _____

Street tree ordinance 17B-3 (removal)

(a) No person may remove a tree larger than three (3) inches in diameter, measured at a point four and one-half (4½) feet above the ground within the urban county government right-of-way without obtaining a permit from the urban forester or his designated arborist.
(b) The permit shall be granted provided the tree to be removed is dead or dying.
(c) The urban forester or his designee may issue permits for the removal of live trees only in special circumstances. Instances where a permit for the removal of a live tree may be issued include, but are not limited to, the following:
(1) The tree is a threat to the public safety;
(2) The tree is a threat to the health of other trees in the community; or
(3) The tree is to be replaced by a more desirable tree.
(d) If the urban forester or his designated arborist determines that a street tree is a hazardous tree, he can order the property owner to remove the hazardous tree in a timely manner, as determined by the urban forester or his designated arborist at the property owner's expense.
(e) The urban forester or his designated arborist can order the property owner to remove any street tree planted without a permit, or in violation of permit conditions.
(f) Nothing contained in this chapter is intended to infringe on the authority of the urban county engineer, pursuant to KRS 179.090, to remove trees from the right-of-way of any publicly dedicated road when the trees become a hazard to traffic.
(g) Except as provided in subsection (e) above, any person who removes a tree within the urban county government right-of-way shall replace the removed tree in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 17B-2(b). This requirement may be waived by the urban forester or his designated arborist where replacement would be inappropriate under the standards set forth in section 17B-2(b).

Property owner's agreement

I agree to comply with the city's Street Tree Ordinance (Chapter 17B-3) regarding tree removal.

_____
Property Owner's Signature

_____
Date

Return to:
Division of Environmental Services
Attention: ROBERT BALLARD
200 E Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507
(859) 425-2558 Fax: (859) 425-2859

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