

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Lexington, Kentucky \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

Phone: Primary ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Only the property owner may apply to remove street trees*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dead                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure damage     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Severe decay/rot           | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural damage to tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathogen (bacterial/virus) | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility conflict          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect infestation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease (fungal)           | _____  |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Street tree ordinance 17B-3 (removal)      Property owner's agreement**

- (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).

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