



# Application for Tree Removal Permit

Community Development Department  
City of Biloxi, Mississippi

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
DATE:
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PARCEL#

Project Name or Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## OWNER INFORMATION

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

State License # or ISA Certification#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMIT INFORMATION

Type of Work:  Removal  Substantial Trimming

Description of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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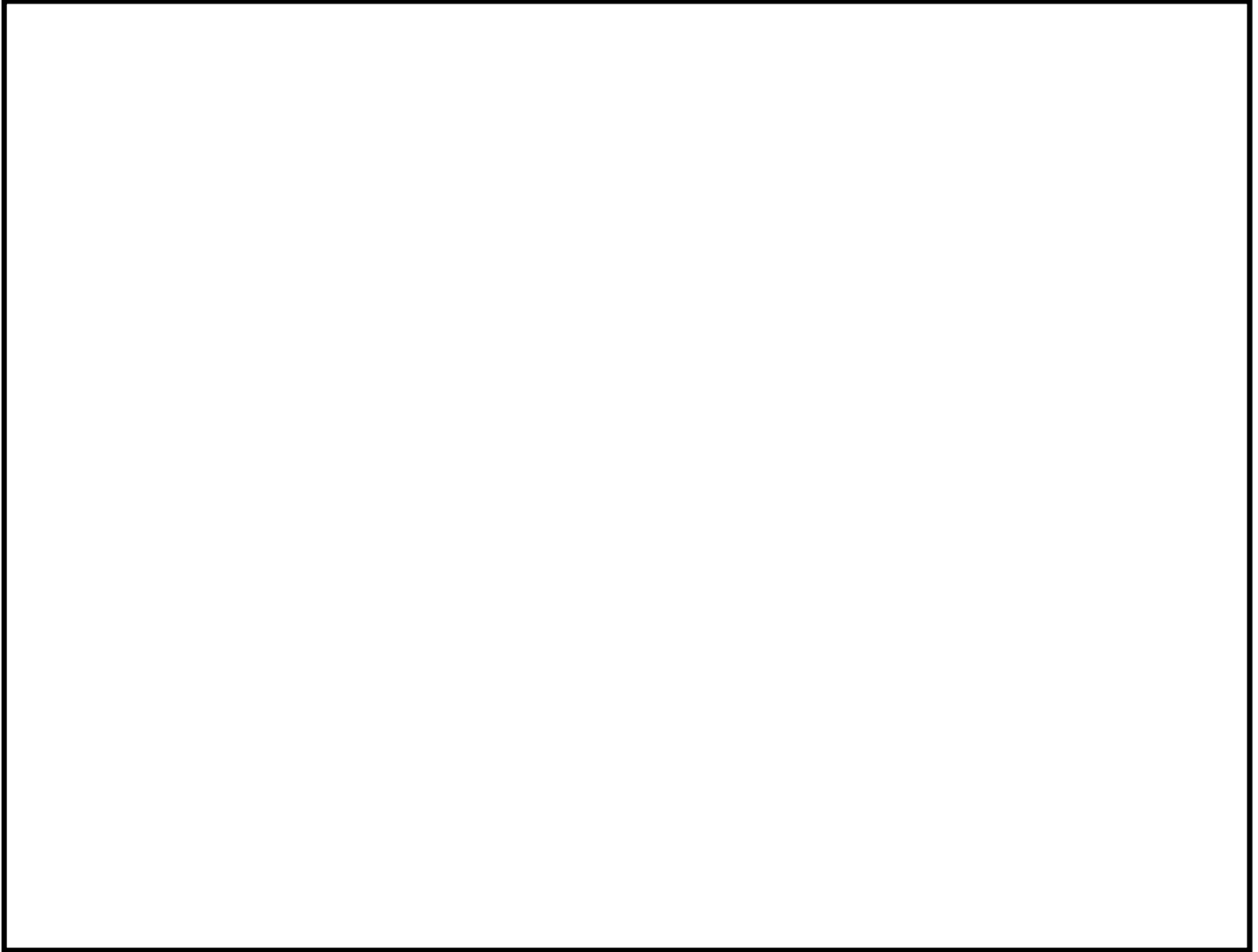
**Please attach a site plan or pictures showing the location of the trees to be permitted or sketch their locations on the back of this application.**

*I hereby make application for permit to perform the work as described herein and if permit is granted I agree to conform to all regulations and ordinances of the City pertaining thereto and in accordance with the plans submitted.*

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tree Site Plan: Please show the location of all trees to be permitted.**



**Why does the applicant / owner want to remove the trees?**

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**Completed Applications may be emailed to [enolan@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:enolan@biloxi.ms.us) or mailed to:**

Community Development  
Attn.: City Arborist  
P.O. Box 508  
Biloxi, MS 39533-0508

**If you have any further questions, you may call the City Arborist at 228-435-6280 or e-mail to [enolan@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:enolan@biloxi.ms.us).**

# **DO I NEED A TREE PERMIT IN BILOXI?**

**A permit is needed for any Live Oak, Bald Cypress, and Southern Magnolia** that are at least 8” diameter at DBH (diameter at breast height – 54” above the ground).; or any tree of a species with a DBH of sixteen (16) or more inches.

**A permit is never required for Water Oak (Quercus Nigra), Pecan (Carya illinoensis), Chinese tallow or Popcorn (Sapium sebiferum), or member of the Pine genus (Pinus spp.)**

**Routine trimming does not require a permit.** The reasons for pruning may include, but are not limited to, reducing risk, maintaining or improving tree health and structure, improving aesthetics, or satisfying a specific need. Crown cleaning, thinning, raising, reduction, or restoration (according to ANSI A300 “Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Maintenance - Standard Practices (Pruning)”) shall be considered routine trimming. Routine trimming is any trimming that does not impair the aesthetic, ecological, or economic value of the tree.

## **Review**

Tree Permits involving the removal, relocation, or alteration of 1-4 protected trees, and not otherwise requiring Planning Commission approval, the review and approval authority shall rest with the Director of Community Development or City Arborist

For Tree Permits involving the removal, relocation, or alteration of 5 or more protected trees the Tree Committee shall review and make recommendation to the Planning Commission and approval rests with the Planning Commission and requires a Public Tree Hearing

A Tree Permit Applications may be picked up at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. or downloaded from the City’s web site at [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us) in the forms/permits section under Residents.

# TIPS FOR SELECTING A TREE CARE COMPANY

1. Beware of door-knockers. Most reputable companies have all the work they can handle without going door-to-door. Door-knockers are especially common after storms when non-professionals see a chance to earn some quick money. Often, storm damage creates high-risk situations for both workers and homeowners, and there is opportunity for even more damage to trees if work is not done correctly.
2. **NEVER PAY IN ADVANCE. Never pay for work until you are completely satisfied.** Never be rushed by bargains ("if you sign an agreement today, I can take ten percent off the price...").
3. Ask for certificates of insurance, including proof of liability for personal and property damage (such as your house and your neighbor's), and workman's compensation. Then **phone the insurance company to make sure the policy is current.** Under some circumstances, you can be held financially responsible if an uninsured worker is hurt on your property, or damage is done to a neighbor's property!
4. Ask for local references - other jobs the company or individual has done. Take a look at some, and if possible, talk with the former client. Experience, education and a good reputation are signs of a good arborist.
5. Have more than one tree care company look at your job and give you estimates. Don't expect one to lower a bid to match another's, and be willing to pay for the estimate if necessary. Getting two or more opinions and cost estimates are well worth your extra effort.
6. A good tree care company will offer a wide range of services (pruning, fertilizing, cabling/bracing, lightning protection, pest control, etc.).
7. A conscientious tree care company will only use climbing spikes when removing dead trees.
8. Beware of an arborist who is eager to remove a living tree. Removal clearly should be a last resort.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 228-435-6280 or email at [enolan@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:enolan@biloxi.ms.us).

## State Licensed Tree Surgeons on the Gulf Coast

Company Name	Owner's Name	Phone #'s	Lic. #
Arbor Pro of Mississippi, Inc	Aaron Miller	228-217-2166	41722
Bobcat Tree Work, LLC	Joey Wilson	228-806-8063	39639
Cambium Tree Care & Preservation	Tony Miller	228-365-5705	34947
Donnie McClain's Tree Experts	Donny McClain	228-875-4528	LT061
Kennedy Tree Service	Angela Kennedy	228-669-7079	35112
Loftus Tree Service	Joe Loftus	228-363-2563	LT065
Southern Tree Surgery, LLC	Todd Lipps	228-369-5521	35008
Taylor Tree Co., LLP	Ray Taylor	228-452-9988	34746
The Tree Service	Lee Johnson	228-365-5787	LT765
Wright's Tree Ser.	J. B. Wright	228-392-9559	LT012

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