

## Carroll Township Street Tree Removal Policy

6-14-2024

### Background:

Trees are a natural resource and improve air quality, lower air temperature, reduce storm water runoff, raise property values, and contribute to the aesthetics of neighborhoods within the Township. As such, Carroll Township has a Street Tree Removal Policy that regulates the removal of required trees within the Township. This Policy requires that prior to removal of any required tree; the property owner shall acquire a Street Tree Removal Permit. The fee for the tree removal permit is \$25.00.

### When A Tree Removal Permit is Required:

A Street Tree Removal Permit is required to remove any tree previously required to be planted as part of a subdivision / land development project. Required trees are defined as:

- Street trees (installed within the public right-of-way as required under previous Township Ordinance)

### Conditions for Street Tree Removal:

Although street trees provide an aesthetic streetscape, the Township recognizes that these trees can also become a nuisance in some cases. For that reason, the Township may issue permits for others to remove trees, based on the following conditions:

- Hazardous Trees. Trees that are determined to be a hazard by virtue of conditions including, but not limited to, significant/frequent limb breakage, a majority of decayed, dead, or damaged foliage, branches, trunk or roots, and the distinct danger of a tree or tree part falling with a high potential to hit a target (person, structure, vehicle, utility, other valuable landscape feature) shall be removed.
- Dead and Dying Trees. Street trees that are dead or have been determined to be in a state of severe decline, shall be removed.
- Diseased/Insect Infected Trees. Public trees that have a disease or are infested with an insect that is known or declared to be an imminent threat to other trees in the Township and the region shall be removed.
- Emergency Removals. Healthy trees may be removed if an emergency situation exists and tree removal is the only option to address the issue, such as in the case of a broken water or sewer line.
- Unsafe Condition Removals. If it is determined by the Township that a tree is causing a serious visibility hazard, such as blocking a traffic light or sign, or visibility of oncoming

traffic, then it shall be removed. Removal is only warranted when proper pruning will not correct the issue for a reasonable length of time, as determined by the Township.

- Invasive Species. Tree(s) is on the list of invasive species as designated by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- Other Removals. Other situations where street tree removal is warranted may include the following:
  - Hardscape / Structural Damage. If sidewalk, curb, road, driveway, or other hardscape features are being damaged by the roots of the street tree, then a healthy tree can be considered for removal.
  - Township Projects. If a tree is in conflict with and needs to be removed to accommodate the construction of a public improvement, or to achieve a goal of the Township, then it will be permitted for removal.

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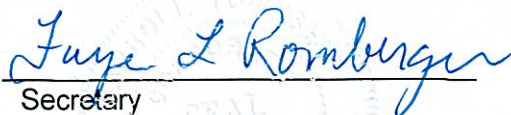
**Process:**

- Provide a completed Street Tree Removal Permit Application to the Township along with the \$25.00 permit fee. The application MUST be signed by the owner of the property.
- It is the permit applicant's responsibility to bear all costs associated with the tree and stump removal.
- The applicant is responsible for locating underground utilities and must complete a PA One Call request prior to tree / stump removal.
- All disturbed areas associated with the tree removal must be restored to lawn.
- The applicant must install new shade trees (equal to the number of street trees removed) elsewhere on the property meeting current Shade Tree Ordinance requirements (§435-52.D) OR demonstrate that additional trees have previously been planted that meet the current ordinance requirements.

Street Tree Removal Policy approved this 8th day of July 2024.

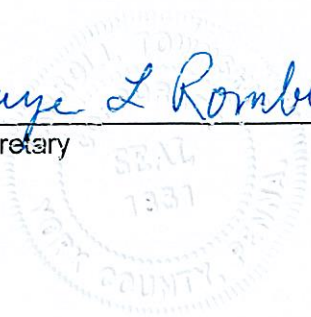
ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CARROLL TOWNSHIP

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

Date: July 08, 2024



**Street Tree Removal Permit Application  
Carroll Township**

555 Chestnut Grove Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019  
Ph: 717-432-4951 Fax: 717-502-8807



Street Tree Removal Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Description**

Number of trees to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Removal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: A dimensional site plan MUST be submitted showing location of trees to be removed.**  
(If trees are to be replaced elsewhere on the lot the proposed tree location shall be shown)

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By signing this application, the applicant certifies that all information is correct and the work will be completed in accordance with the "Approved" site plan and any additional requirements of the Township. The owner/applicant assume the responsibility of locating all property lines, setback lines, easements, right-of-way, floodplains, etc. Issuance of permit and approval of site plan shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel, or set aside any provisions of the Codes or Ordinances of the Township or any other governing body. The applicant certifies that they understand the applicable Codes, Ordinances, and Regulations.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Township use Only**

Permit Fee: \$25.00 Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

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Action

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Date