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DATE APPLIED: _____

DATE ISSUED: _____

PERMIT #: _____



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE NEW CONSTRUCTION TREE
REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Permit Number: _____ Date Issued: _____
(For Office Use)

Owner's Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Tree Removal Contractor: _____ Contractor Phone #: _____

Requesting removal of how many trees? _____

Permit applicant must acknowledge the following

Minimum required density to be maintained for any particular lot

1. Seven protected or replacement trees, of which at least three must be located in the front yard, plus one additional protected or replacement tree for every 1,000 square feet of area in excess of 22,500 square feet, up to a maximum of seven additional protected or replacement trees per lot, provided, however, that where a lot contains areas that are not suitable for the location of trees because of topology or other natural features, those unsuitable areas shall not be included in calculating the number of additional protected or replacement trees required in addition to the first seven;
2. For a lot that is less than 20,000 square feet in area: a. The minimum number of protected or replacement trees may be reduced to five where the collective circumference of the protected and replacement trees equals 375 inches or more; and b. The minimum number of protected or replacement trees in the front yard may be reduce to two protected or replacement trees where the collective circumference of the protected and replacement trees in the front yard equals 150 inches or more; and
3. A protected or replacement tree that is located within the public street right-of-way shall not be counted in determining whether a lot has the minimum required density of protected or replacement trees.

Special rule for removals related to driveway construction.

Where protected trees are removed from a front yard in order to relocate or expand a pre-existing driveway, the property owner must plant one replacement tree in the front yard for every protected tree that is removed from the front yard. Tree replacement is required under this provision regardless of whether replacement would have been required under subsection (d)(1), above.

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Location requirements for new home construction.

Where a new home is to be constructed on a site, the tree disposition and protection plan must include provisions for preserving or planting and maintaining at least three protected or replacement trees in the front yard.

Time limit for planting replacement trees; performance guarantee

No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any lot for which replacement tree(s) are required hereunder unless the replacement trees are planted or the applicant therefor files with the city a replacement tree extension application, stating the reasons for and period of the extension, a cash bond in an amount equal to a written estimated cost of labor and materials to acquire and plant all required replacement trees, such estimate provided by the applicant, together with a written authorization for the city to enter the property for such purpose should the applicant fail to plant said trees. No such extension shall be authorized for a period longer than sixty (60) days. If the applicant fails to provide for the planting of such replacement tree(s) within any such extension period, the city shall be authorized to expend the funds deposited as the cash bond for the purposes of acquiring and planting such trees and may enter the applicant's property for such purpose.

Restrictions on additional removals.

1. Where a permit is granted to remove protected trees in order to develop or construct a particular improvement on a site, and the subject trees are actually removed, no permit shall be granted for the removal of additional protected trees from the site for the construction of a similar improvement for a period of five years following the date the first permit was issued. For example, if a permit is granted for the removal of trees for the construction of a proposed new residence and the property owner, or his successor in title, elects not to build that proposed residence, any new proposed residence on the site must be designed to fit within the area from which protected trees have been removed and cannot require the removal of additional protected trees.
2. The purpose of this provision is to prevent the unnecessary removal of protected trees based on speculative construction or development plans and to encourage property owners to seek removal of trees only when the proposed improvements will actually be constructed.
3. For the purposes of this article, the filing of an application for removal of protected trees for the construction of a particular improvement is deemed to be an admission, by the applicant, that a reasonable improvement of the type desired can be constructed on the site without removing any additional protected trees.

Except as otherwise provided, a property owner must maintain the minimum required density of protected and replacement trees on the owner's lot at all times and, if the lot falls below the minimum required density because of the loss or removal of a tree or trees, regardless of cause, the property owner shall plant and maintain a sufficient number of replacement trees to meet the minimum required density. If a lot falls below the minimum required density because of the loss of one or more protected or replacement trees, the property owner shall, within 30 days after the removal or loss, plant a sufficient number of replacement trees to restore the minimum required density.

Per approval of this permit of which the issuance is pursuant to City Ordinances 395 and 411. This permit shall become null and void if work authorized is not commenced within 60 days or if work is not completed within 180 days. This permit is subject to being revoked or suspended for violations of any city ordinance.

Applicant Signature

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