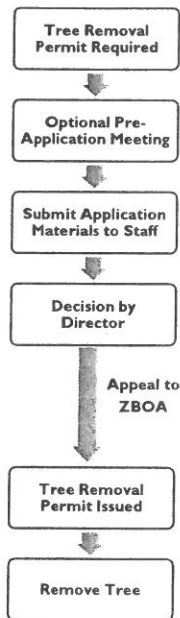


7.2.50 Tree Removal Permit

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to ensure protected trees on parcels of land subject to land disturbing or construction activities that are regulated under this Development Code are not cut prior to submittal of a development application reviewed under this Development Code.
- B. **Applicability.** Unless exempted in accordance with Subsection 7.2.50.C below, a Tree Removal Permit approved in accordance with this section is required before any land disturbing activities or the removal, relocation, or substantial alteration of a protected tree, as defined in Division 5.11 of this Development Code
- C. **Exemptions.** The following are exempt from the standards of this Section:
1. Removal of trees that have been planted and are being grown in a plant nursery or botanical garden for the purpose of sale to the general public as landscaping material; and
 2. Land disturbing activities and tree removal, relocation, or substantial alteration in conjunction with bona fide forestry operations. See Article 3, Table 3.1.70 (Land Use Definitions).
 3. Removal of invasive trees as defined in Section 5.11.100.G



- D. **Tree Removal Permit Procedure.**
1. **Pre-Application Conference is Optional.** See Section 7.4.20 (Pre-Application Conference).
 2. **Application Submittal and Acceptance.** See Section 7.4.30 (Application Submittal and Acceptance).
 3. **Staff Review and Action.** Applicable to a decision by the Director. See Section 7.4.40 (Staff Review and Action). The Director's decision shall be based on the standards in Subsection 7.2.50.E below
 4. **Appeal.** The decision of the Director on a Tree Removal Permit may be appealed to the ZBOA. See Section 7.3.70 (Appeals).
- E. **Tree Removal Permit Review Standards.** A Tree Removal Permit shall be approved on a finding the applicant demonstrates the proposed tree removal complies with the standards in Section 5.11.100 (Tree Protection).
- F. **Expiration.** Approval of a Tree Removal Permit shall automatically expire if the tree removal it authorizes is not commenced within six months after the date of approval, unless an extension of this period is authorized in accordance with Section 7.4.130 (Expiration of Development Approval).
- G. **Amendment.** A Tree Removal Permit may be amended only in accordance with the procedures and standards for its original approval.