



City of Hyattsville, Maryland
Application for Permit – Urban Forest Ordinance
Hyattsville Ordinance 2005-01 (Chapter 112)
One (1) Tree Per Permit

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (home/work) _____ e-mail _____

Tree Species: _____ Tree size (circumference): _____
 (circumference measured at 4 ½ feet above ground level)

Distance of tree from public street or sidewalk: _____

Specific location of tree in yard: _____

Proposed action: _____

Reason for proposed action: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official Use Only	
Approved _____	
Denied _____	
Appeal _____	
Hearing _____	
Decision _____	

Signature _____	

Date _____	

- Note that the Shade Tree Board shall receive all permit applications and shall issue a recommendation granting or denying the permit within forty-five (45) days.
- Please see the reverse of this application for a summary of Permit Standards and Tree Replacement criteria. A complete copy of Hyattsville Ordinance 2005-01 can be found on the Hyattsville website (www.hyattsville.org).
- If a tree measures seventy-five (75) inches in circumference at four and a half (4 ½) feet above ground level, an applicant or his/her agents shall require written proof and furnish a copy thereof, that the person(s) removing a tree is/are bonded and insured.

To Submit - Fax to 301-985-5007; email to treepermits@hyattsville.org or hand deliver to City Municipal Bldg. @ 4310 Gallatin St., 3rd Floor

City of Hyattsville Ordinance 2005-01
(Chapter 112 – Urban Forest
Effective April 10, 2005

§112-4.1. PERMIT STANDARDS – Summary (see complete text of Hyattsville Ordinance 2005-01)

- A. The City shall ordinarily issue a permit if one (1) of the following conditions applies:
- (1) The tree is diseased beyond restoration, insect infested beyond restoration, or injured beyond restoration.
 - (2) The tree is dead or dying.
 - (3) The tree constitutes a hazard to the safety of persons or property that cannot be addressed by using current tree care, ANSI Z Standards (American National Standard Institute).
- B. The City shall also consider the following factors before making a decision on a permit:
- (1) The overall health of the tree.
 - (2) The potential hazards associated with the tree.
 - (3) The desirability of preserving the tree by reason of its age, size or outstanding quality, such as uniqueness, rarity or status as a landmark or species variety.
 - (4) The degree of hardship suffered by the landowner.
 - (5) The extent to which the area would be subject to environmental degradation due to removal of the tree or trees.
 - (6) The extent of the tree canopy in the immediate area.
 - (7) The applicable County, Zoning and State law.
- C. The Shade Tree Board is authorized to consult with experts concerning any of the above conditions. If necessary, and with approval of Council, excluding emergencies, requisite funding for consultation with experts shall be designated from the Urban Forest Maintenance budget line item for the payment of such expertise.

§112-4.2 TREE REPLACEMENT – Summary (see complete text of Hyattsville Ordinance 2005-01)

An applicant may be required to replace any tree that is removed pursuant to a permit. Such replacement shall occur within one hundred eighty (180) days after issuance of a permit and may be in the following form:

- A. Tree for tree replacement, a like number of trees removed, a like number of trees Replaced.
- B. Specified percentage of canopy cover, replacement by trees which at maturity will approximately duplicate the crown size of the trees removed. Replacement shall be on the applicant's property or on public properties within the City of Hyattsville at the City's discretion.