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Landscaping Plan Check List (to remove trees)

<http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/planning/newarborist012706.aspx>

Address _____ Date _____

Arborist Reviewer and contact information _____

Trees in the Setback – (Setback is the area between the property line and building envelope.)

Trees within the setback are required to be saved according to Tree Ordinance Section 158-102. Criteria for removal, destruction or injury; however, trees in the setback may or may not be approved to be removed by the Tree Conservation Commission. To be heard by the TCC, you must first submit a landscape plan to an Arborist Plan Reviewer, then appeal to the Tree Conservation Commission. Contact Arborist Plan Reviewer Frank Mobley, 404.330.6076, or David Zapanick, 404.865.8489 for plan review and details on the appeal process.

Definitions:

- **Landscape Plan** – a plan submitted to the Arborist Department for tree removal only (no site work). Consists of elements described below, allowing no cut or fill of earth except for new tree planting.
- **Caliper** – diameter (in inches) of new tree trunk (nursery stock) at 6” above ground level.
- **CRZ** - (critical root zone) consists of a circle having a radius of one foot for each one inch of tree DBH. Diameter is twice the size of radius.
- **DBH** - (diameter at breast height), width of tree trunk measured at 4.5’ feet above ground level. Tree trunks having more than one trunk at 4.5’ must be measured individually and added together. The total DBH is to be used to label the tree on the Tree Protection Plan. Example; 1 tree with two trunks would be labeled, 12”/16” HWD.

Required elements to be shown and labeled on Tree Protection Plan:

Tree Protection Plan: Sec. 158-105(a)

- Provide three (3) copies of drawings.
- May be hand drawn.
- Draw to scale - prefer 1”=10’, 1”=20’
- Street name and #
- Property lines
- Setback lines – Setback information for each lot can be obtained from the Zoning Dept.
<http://apps.atlantaga.gov/RZV/Request.aspx>

- Hardwood trees $\geq 6''$ DBH, pines $\geq 12''$ DBH locations must be accurately shown and labeled as hwd (hardwood) or pine, and DBH.
- Existing buildings and structures
- Driveways and parking areas
- Proposed trees planted for credit must be at least 2.5'' caliper, shown on drawing, and labeled as to species (from COA recommended tree list). Overstory and mid-canopy trees are required until tree density requirements, per zoning district, are met. Spacing requirements are from existing and proposed trees and to be spaced as follows: Overstory-35ft., Mid Canopy-25ft., Ornamental, Understory, and Screening trees - 15ft.

Recompense Calculations: Sec. 158-103(b)

Show Standard Recompense calculations.

- The Standard Recompense formula is:

$$\$ = \$100 [(\# \text{ trees destroyed} + \# \text{ trees lost}) - \# \text{ trees replaced}] +$$

$$\$30.00 [(\text{DBH inches destroyed} + \text{DBH inches lost}) - \text{caliper inches replaced}]$$

Tree density per zoning district on a site must be met regardless of any loss of trees. The requirements are as follows:

- R-5 and R-4-A districts: 35 inches per acre
- R-3, R-3-A, and R-4 districts: 40 inches per acre
- R-2 and R-2-A Districts: 100 inches per acre
- R-1 districts: 150 inches per acre
- RG, PD and all other districts: 90 inches per acre

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