

**BOROUGH OF CAPE MAY POINT
TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION – PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Please type or print clearly – Drawing required on back

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00 PER TREE

HOMEOWNER _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CAPE MAY POINT STREET ADDRESS _____

BLOCK _____ LOT(S) _____ LOT SIZE (SQ. FT.) _____

CONTRACTOR NAME _____ NJTC # _____

CONTRACTOR PHONE _____ CONTRACTOR EMAIL _____

**Applicant must contact the contractor listed prior to the submission of this application*

*** Trees must be marked with ribbons or tape prior to inspection*

DETAILS OF TREE(S) TO BE REMOVED

Species (if known)	Size in Inches Diameter or Circumference 4.5' from ground	Is Removal due to Construction? Zoning approval may be required	Hazard Tree? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 from page 3	Exempt from Replacement? List A,B, or C from page 3

DETAILS OF REPLACEMENT TREES

Species See Approved List of Replacement Tree Species on page 4	Size in Inches Diameter or Circumference 4.5' from ground	Anticipated Planting Date Within 12 months	Fee in Lieu of Replacement See Tree Replacement Requirements Table on page 3

"I/we hereby make application for a permit to remove or destroy tree(s) now growing in Cape May Point, and give consent to all Cape May Point code enforcers, officers and tree specialists to enter my property to make any appropriate inspections to ensure compliance with the Cape May Point code, and will comply with the review requirements as stipulated by the tree specialist."

OWNER/RESPONSIBLE PERSON (PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

In the space below, draw each structure on the property. Indicate the location of the tree(s) to be removed with an "X". If you are claiming an exemption under Ord. 15-2024, Sec.IV.A, please indicate the location of the qualifying tree(s) with an "O". **ALL** trees noted on this plan must be marked with ribbons or tape and labeled X or O, as applicable, **prior to submission of the application**.

Front Property Line

OFFICE USE ONLY **Total Fee Paid:** _____ **Cash / Check #** _____

Do the tree(s) to be removed qualify as Hazard Trees as defined in Ord. 13-2024 Sec. II.D? ____ Yes ____ No

If requesting an exemption from planting replacement trees under Ord. 15-2024 Sec. IV, were the required number of native trees of 6" or more DBH present on the property? ____ Yes ____ No

Deadline for Planting Replacements: _____ Reinspection Date (2 years): _____

Name of Borough Official performing inspection: _____

Signature of Borough Official: _____ Date: _____

Condition of Tree(s) at Reinspection: _____ Add'l Replacement required: _____

Name of Borough Official performing Reinspection: _____

Signature of Borough Official: _____ Date: _____

Tree Replacement Requirements Table:

Category	Tree Removed (DBH) As measured at 4 ½' from ground level	Tree Replacement Criteria (See Appendix A)	Replacement Fee in Lieu of Planting
1	6" to <13" circumference of 18.84" to <40.84"	Replant 2 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed (4.71" circumference)	\$250
2	13" to <23" circumference of 40.84 to <72.26"	Replant 3 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed (4.71" circumference)	\$500
3	23" to <33" circumference of 72.26" to <103.67"	Replant 4 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed (4.71" circumference)	\$1,000
4	≥33" circumference ≥103.67"	Replant 5 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed (4.71" circumference)	\$2,000

Hazard Tree means a tree or limbs thereof that meet one or more of the criteria below. Trees that do not meet any of the criteria below and are proposed to be removed solely for development purposes are not hazard trees. All Hazard Tree determinations must be made as specified below:

1. Has an infectious disease or insect infestation that requires removal as determined by a Borough official;
2. Is dead or dying as determined by a Borough official;
3. Obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles, where pruning attempts have not been effective as determined by the Public Works Department;
4. Is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.) as determined by a Borough official;
5. Is determined to be a threat to public health, safety, and/or welfare by a Borough official. This includes storm-damaged fallen or broken trees; or
6. Is an invasive or prohibited species listed on the Environmental Commission's list of Prohibited Non-native Trees and Woody Plants as determined by a Borough official.

Exemptions:

- A. Lots that will, after removal, have a minimum number of healthy, native trees from Approved List of Replacement Tree Species A with a DBH of 6" or more. The minimum number of trees varies according to your lot size as found in Ord. 15-2024 Sec. IV.A. These trees must be noted on the diagram on the back of this page and clearly marked with ribbons for easy inspection. Provide copy of assessment of Licensed Tree Expert or Certified Arborist.
 1. Under 5000 square feet – three (3) trees of which one (1) must be a medium or large species;
 2. 5000 square feet -- three (3) trees of which two (2) must be a medium or large species;
 3. Over 5000 square feet and less than 7500 square feet – four (4) trees of which three (3) must be a medium or large species;
 4. 7500 to less than ten thousand square feet – five (5) trees of which four (4) must be a medium or large species;
 5. Ten thousand (10,000) or more shall meet the requirements of a standard lot for each 5000 square feet.
- B. Any trees removed pursuant to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved environmental clean-up, or NJDEP approved habitat enhancement plan, or a NJDEP approved Community Forestry Management Plan. Provide proof of plan.
- C. Hazard trees may be removed with no replacement requirements so long as the conditions in Section II.D and IV.A of Ord. 15-2024 are satisfied.

Approved list of Replacement Tree Species for Cape May Point

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height*	Planting Season
Red Maple	Acer Rubrum	Medium	Spring
Canadian Serviceberry	Amelanchier canadensis	Small	Spring or fall
River Birch	Betula nigra	Medium	Spring
Pignut Hickory	Carya glabra	Large	Spring
Sand Hickory	Carya pallida	Large	Spring or fall
Mockernut Hickory	Carya tomentosa	Large	Spring or fall
Common Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	Medium	Spring only
Dwarf Hackberry	Celtis tenuifolia	Small	Spring or fall
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	Small	Spring only
Common Persimmon	Diospyros virginiana	Medium	Spring or fall
American Holly	Ilex opaca	Medium	Spring or fall
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	Large	Spring or fall
Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	Medium	Spring or fall
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	Large	Spring
Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	Small	Spring
Southern Crab Apple	Malus angustifolia	Small	Spring
Red Mulberry	Morus rubra	Medium	Spring or fall
Blackgum	Nyssa sylvatica	Medium	Spring
Shortleaf Pine	Pinus echinata	Medium	Spring or fall
Pitch Pine	Pinus rigida	Medium	Spring or fall
Pond Pine	Pinus serotina	Medium	Spring or fall
Loblolly Pine	Pinus taeda	Large	Spring or fall
Virginia Pine	Pinu virginiana	Small	Spring or fall
Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	Medium	Spring or fall
White Oak	Quercus alba	Large	Spring
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	Large	Spring
Southern Red Oak	Quercus falcata	Large	Spring
Chestnut Oak	Quercus montana	Large	Spring
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	Medium	Spring
Post Oak	Quercus stellata	Medium	Spring
Black Oak	Quercus velutina	Medium	Spring
Missouri Willow	Salix eriocephala	Small	Spring
Black Willow	Salix nigra	Medium	Spring
Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	Medium	Spring or fall

*Height: Small (35' and under), Medium (35'-50'), Large 50' and over. Height depends on growing conditions, less height likely in seashore communities.

Planting Tree Care Standards: *Tree Owner's Manual* USDA Forest Service, July 2021. Digital version on Borough website; print copy available upon request.