



CITY OF ABBEVILLE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

☐ Commercial Building ☐ Residential Building

Application is hereby made for a building permit in accordance with the description and for the purpose hereinafter set forth. This application is made subject to all City and State Laws and Ordinances, and which are hereby agreed to by the undersigned and which shall be deemed a condition entering into the exercise of this permit.

PROPERTY OWNER: (as shown on deed)

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address: _____

Address of Construction: _____

New Dwelling Construction, are there any other dwellings on this tract: _____ How many? _____

Existing Structure (number and type): _____

APPLICANT: (if not property owner)

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Louisiana State Contractor's License #: _____

CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION:

Construction Value: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Dimensions" Finished Area: _____ Unfinished Area: _____

Height of structure: _____ feet Square Footage: _____

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT:

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair Flood | <input type="checkbox"/> Structure Lifting/
(Foundation/Footing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Generator Installation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renovations | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving/Relocating | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modular | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool | | |

PROPOSED USE: (Residential/Commercial)

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage/Carport/Porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop/Shed/Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Structural | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence (Taller than 7 ft) | <input type="checkbox"/> One Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Kitchen | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof Repair | | |

PROPOSED USE: (Commercial Only)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boring for Utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Amusement/Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Institution | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up Remediation
Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Bank | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence (Taller than 7 ft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Store | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Service/Repair Station | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | |

DESCRIBE IN DETAIL PROPOSED WORK BEING DONE.

Note: If use of building is being changed or if joint use is being added, enter all new proposed use(s) and also define existing use(s).

I hereby certify that I have read and examined this application and know the same to be true and correct. All provisions of laws and ordinances governing the above proposed work will be complied with whether specified herein or not. The granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any other statement, local, or state law regulating construction or the performance of construction.

Electronic Signature Agreement

I understand and agree that my application will be signed electronically when I type my name in the signature box **AND** select the check box below. I also understand that my electronic signature means that I intend to apply for this permit/application and have provided the City of Abbeville with accurate information.

I understand that under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this electronic application, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison or may face other penalties, or both.

Signature _____

Date _____

☐ I have read and agree with the statements above.

COMMERCIAL ONLY (if "yes" is answered for any of the below statements, additional permits or documents are required. Additional permits or licenses may be required depending on the type of construction or business.

	Yes	No	Permits Needed
This is a new business (new construction).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Permit
My business will serve food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grease trap Permit
My business does not have an occupational license.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupational License
My business will serve alcohol.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol License
My business will install a sign.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign Permit
An area of land will be cleared in place a new building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree Removal Application (if applicable)
A pad will be used to form a solid area for new construction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Erosion/Sediment Application (if applicable)
My business is a chain store.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chain Store License
This is a new business (moving into pre-existing building needing renovations/repair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Permit
My business will serve food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grease trap Permit
My business does not have an occupational license.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupational License
My business will serve alcohol.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol License
My business will change/install a sign.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign Permit
My business is a chain store.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chain Store License
This business is currently open (moving into a location and/or requiring renovations/repairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Permit
My business will serve food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grease trap Permit
My business will change/install a sign.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign Permit

CITY OF ABBEVILLE
CONSTRUCTION CHECK OFF
NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADDITION/RENOVATIONS/MODULAR HOMES



BEFORE BLDG PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED:

- IF BUILT IN CORRIDOR #1, APPLICANT MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM MAYOR
- IF LOCATED IN MAIN STREET/HISTORIC DISTRICT, PERMIT APPLICATION MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM PLANNING & ZONING AS WELL AS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.
- IF SERVING FOOD/DRINKS YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR PLANS TO VERMILION PARISH HEALTH DEPARTMENT {337-893-1438}
- SEND PLANS TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL FOR APPROVAL. https://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov/pr_forms.htm
- REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS **DRAWINGS MUST INCLUDE:**
 - Electrical Service Plan/Floor Plan
 - Plumbing Lay-out to include the following:
 - Location of sewer clean-outs (Sec. 710.2.2-710.2.4)
 - Location of Shut off valve (must be placed on property near water meter) (see Sec. 610.1)
 - Site Plan of Property (see attached site plan requirements)
 - Foundation Plan (see attached foundation plan requirements)
 - Drainage Plan
 - Landscape Application & Landscape plans
 - Tree Removal Application (if applicable)
 - Sediment/Erosion Application (if uncovering more than 43.560 square feet of land)
 - Utility Service Connections (required)
 - Roof Runoff Pattern (required)
 - Grease Trap Application (required if serving food/drinks (See LA State Plumbing Code Chapter 8 & 10)

FOR MODULAR BUILDINGS ONLY: Letter from manufacturer and/or builder of home, stating compliance with IRC 2009 Codes. (See Sec. 5-173 attached: Modular housing prohibited in certain districts)

Additional Requirements for Building Permits:

Elevation Certificate of property (required only if property is located in a designated flood zone)

CONTACT LICENSED ENGINEER FOR LETTER OF ELEVATION. **(A final elevation certificate will be required for a Certificate of Occupancy)**

LISTED BELOW ARE LOCAL ENGINEERS:

LANGLINAIS, LEBLANC & ASSO	893-7643
PRIMEAUX & ASSOC	893-8397
SELLERS & ASSOC	893-2808

Copy of LA State Contractors License on contractor building said structure (LA State Licensing Board of Contractors 225-765-2301 or 1-800-256-1392)

Culvert Permit is required if covering any ditches. (Permit Applications are available online or in the Permit Dept)

THE FOLLOWING PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED IF PROJECT IS LOCATED ON STATE HIGHWAY:

LADOTD Driveway Permit and/or LADOTD Project Permit (Contact local LADOTD OFFICE AT 337-262-6100)

BLDG PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED ONCE ABOVE IS TAKEN CARE OF.

- SEE SEC 5-4 BLDG. PERMITS REQUIREMENTS
- SEE SEC 5-10 SEPARATION OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- SEE SEC 5-9 BOUNDARY LINE REQUIREMENTS
- SEE SEC. 5-11 TO 5-17 REGARDING DISPLAY OF ADDRESS ON BUILDING

REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY CONNECTIONS:

- Licensed electrician and/or plumber can purchase permits for electric and/or water/sewer connections online (i-WORQ with code) or by visiting the Permit Department at City Hall. CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICITY CAN BE GIVEN AFTER ELECTRICAL PERMIT IS ISSUED.
- Arrangements for inspections are to be made by calling Primeaux, Touchet's & Associates at 337-893-8397)

INSPECTIONS REQUIRED ONCE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS: (TO BE DONE BY PRIMEAUX, TOUCHET & ASSOCIATES 337-893-8397)

- FOUNDATION INSPECTION
- WATER SHUT OFF VALVE
- OPEN-WALL INSPECTION
- SEWER CLEAN OUT
- ROOF INSPECTION
- FINAL INSPECTION
- GREASE TRAP INSPECTION
- FIXTURE COUNT INSPECTION
- Final inspections from State Fire Marshal must be furnished to City Of Abbeville Permits Department (Call 800-256-5452 for inspection).
- Contact Health Department for inspections if selling food (893-1438) <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/632>
- Contact Vermilion Parish School Board to register for Sales Tax (application attached to be returned to Sales Tax Office) (898-5732)
- Apply for Occupational License – payment for license is due after business has been in operation for 30 days. License fee is based on gross sales for the first 30 days of business.

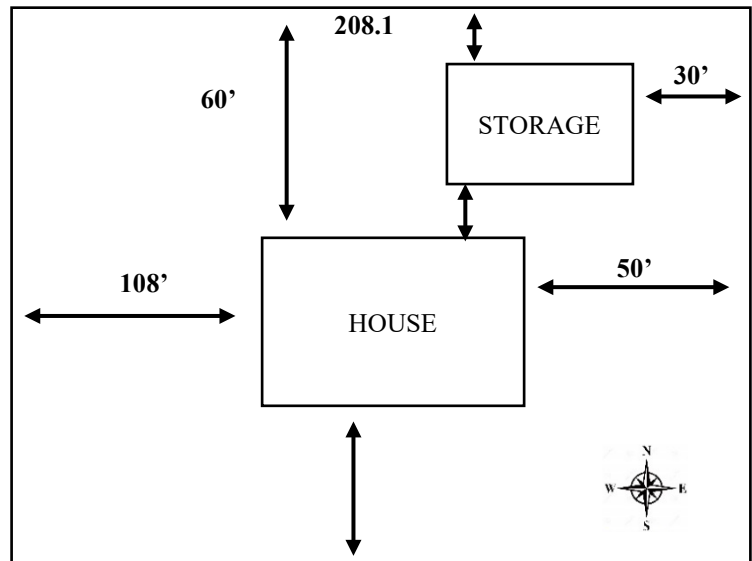
CONTACT PERMIT DEPT. AT (337)898-4212 OR 4213 FOR MORE INFORMATION

SITE PLAN –

- Property lines and lot dimensions
- All easements (utility, drainage, etc.) any other encumbrances
- Existing and proposed overhead utility lines
- All buildings and structures on the site and their dimensions (main building(s), storage building(s), porches/canopies, signs, fences, etc.) For additions, identify existing building(s) and addition(s)
- Parking lot and each parking space (Commercial Buildings ONLY)
- All driveways and sidewalks, showing width and location
- All required landscaping and tree, not to interfere with overhead utility lines (if required or commercial building)
- Front setback (distance from front of building to front property line) as well as side and rear setbacks
- Edge of the road shown in relation to the property line
- **NOTE:** Direction of compass in relation to site plan.

PLEASE SEE "SITE PLAN EXAMPLE"

NOTE: IN SOME CASES, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED



FOUNDATION PLAN –

- Verify setbacks (per site plan)
- What type of foundation?
- What materials used for foundation, for reinforcement (size, type, placement of materials,) NOTE: Foundation blocks used must be of solid content.
- Indicate if using electrical, plumbing, gas, etc. in foundation
- Dimensions of foundation, interior footing or pads, exterior footings or pads, depth and width, slab thickness, support walls
- Form of excavations (free of stumps, roots, or other foreign matter)
- Garage floor sloped to garage opening or approved drain
- Verification of termite treatment
- Rodent protection required
- If necessary (loose soil, sandy soil, drainage problems need soil density report or compaction test)

The following **City of Abbeville Ordinances** provide guidelines

https://library.municode.com/la/abbeville/codes/code_of_ordinances

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 1 CODES ADOPTED

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 4 BUILDING PERMITS
REQUIRED

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 8 SEPARATION BETWEEN
RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 9 SEPARATION OF NEW
CONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE DITCHES

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 10 SEPARATION OF
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 11 REGULATION OF
STRUCTURES, GENERAL

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 12 ASSIGNMENTS OF
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 13 OBLIGATION TO OBTAIN
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

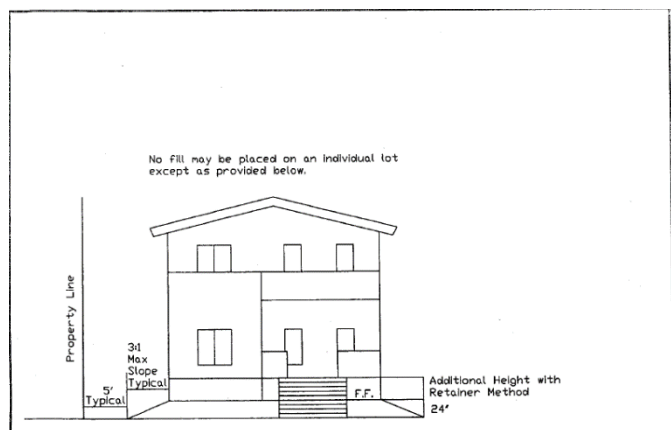
CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 14 POSTING OF MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 15 FAILURE TO POST MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 16 EFFECTIVE DATE

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – 17 PENALTIES, RIGHT OF ENTRY

CHAPTER 5 – ARTICLE VIII – LANDSCAPING



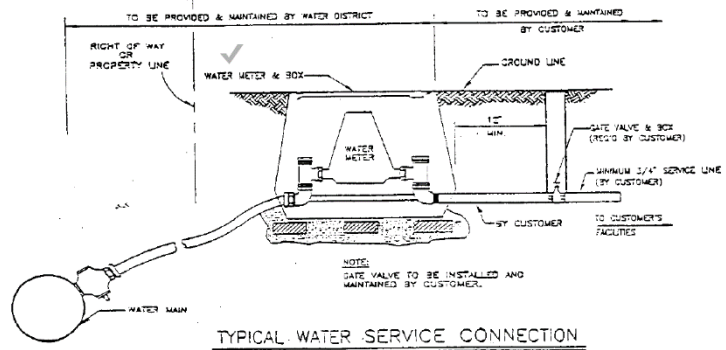
Louisiana State Plumbing Codes

http://www.ecodes.biz/ecodes_support/Free_Resources/louisiana/Louisiana_main.html

CHAPTER 6 – SECTION 610 – VALVES REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 7 – SECTION 710 – CLEAN-OUTS

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE CITY IS REQUIRING A CLEAN-OUT TO BE INSTALLED WHICH IS EASILY ACCESSABLE BY CITY PERSONEL AT ALL TIMES. THE LOCATION OF THE CLEAN-OUT WILL BE DIRECTED BY CITY PERSONEL. CLEAN-OUT LOCATIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED ON DRAWINGS.



National Electrical Codes

<https://www.mikeholt.com/mojonewsarchive/NEC-HTML/HTML/Article230-Services-20020219.htm>

ARTICLE 230 – SERVICES - VERTICAL CLEARANCE INFORMATION

Licensing requirements for contractors in Louisiana

Residential Building License

- Required for residential construction or home improvement projects exceeding \$75,000
- Financial statement with a minimum of \$10,000 net worth (current within 12 months of application)
- Must take Business & Law exam
- Must take Residential Building exam
- Provide proof of general liability insurance with a minimum amount of \$100,000
- Provide proof of workers' compensation coverage

Home Improvement Registration

- Required for home improvement projects with a value exceeding \$1,500 but not in excess of \$75,000
- Provide proof of general liability insurance with a minimum amount of \$100,000
- Provide proof of workers' compensation coverage

Commercial Building License

- Required for commercial projects with a value of \$50,000 or more
- Financial statement with a minimum of \$10,000 net worth (current within 12 months of application)
- Must take Business & Law exam
- Must take Trade exam
- Hire properly licensed subcontractors

Subcontractor/Specialty Trade License

- Required for commercial projects with a value of \$50,000 or more
- Exceptions - Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing require license for projects exceeding \$10,000; Asbestos, Hazardous Waste, Lead Based Paint Abatement/Removal, Underground Storage Tanks require license for projects with a value of \$1.00 or more
- Financial statement with a minimum of \$10,000 net worth (current within 12 months of application)
- Must take Business & Law exam
- Must take Trade exam

Mold Remediation License

- Required for mold remediation projects with a value of \$1.00 or more
- Financial statement with a minimum of \$10,000 net worth (current within 12 months of application)
- Must take Business & Law exam
- Must complete 24 hours of approved mold remediation and mold assessment training
- Must complete 4 hours of instruction in Louisiana's Unfair Trade and Consumer Protection Law
- Provide proof of general liability insurance with a minimum amount of \$50,000
- Provide proof of workers' compensation coverage



Application forms and fee schedules are available on the LSLBC website, www.lacontractor.org. All licenses and the registration require compliance with Contractors Licensing Law. An updated version of the Contractors Licensing Law book is available on the LSLBC website.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS GO TO WWW.LSLBC.LOUISIANA.GOV



ATTENTION CONTRACTORS



An important message from the
LOUISIANA STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS
Residential Specialty Classifications
Effective January 20, 2016

Licenses for six new specialty classifications are now required for those residential subcontractors who bid or perform work that exceeds \$7,500, including labor and materials, on any new single family residential home, duplex, triplex or fourplex.

The new specialty classifications are:

- Residential pile driving
- Residential foundations
- Residential framing
- Residential roofing
- Residential masonry/stucco
- Residential swimming pools

Contractors requesting these specialty licenses must complete an application for licensure; pass both the Business and Law, and the specialty trade exam; and provide proof of current liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Subcontractors performing work under any specialty above for homeowners who are building their own home must be licensed for that specialty.

A subcontractor who works under the direct supervision of a licensed residential building contractor may obtain a subcontract-labor-only specialty classification by:

- Completing and submitting an application
- Submitting an affidavit executed by a licensed residential building contractor that attests to the subcontractor's quality of work and character
- Passing the Law, Rules and Regulations exam
- Providing proof of current liability and workers' compensation insurance

Electrical, mechanical and plumbing work in excess of \$10,000 requires a license issued by this Board.

For more information contact us at (225) 765-2301
or visit www.LAContractor.org

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State of Louisiana
State Licensing Board for Contractors

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



MICHAEL B. MCDUFF
Executive Director

September 1, 2020

Good morning,

We would like to help you in protecting our citizens from unlicensed contractors when repairing or rebuilding their damaged property from Hurricane Laura.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Laura and the devastation that large portions of the state suffered, the Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors has received many inquiries. We would like to share information with all of you below to help protect those affected and allow you to continue to issue permits efficiently.

There is no plan to suspend license requirements for those repairing or rebuilding residential or commercial structures. License requirements remain the same and in effect.

- A license is always required for renovation or repair work that exceeds \$7500 in value, to include labor and all materials. A contractor holding a Home Improvement Registration or a commercial license (excluding any of the labor only classifications) may perform this work if the project value remains under \$75,000 in value, including labor and materials.
- Residential renovations or repairs that exceed \$75,000 in value to include labor and materials may only be performed by a contractor holding a Residential Building Contractor license.
- New residential construction valued over \$75,000 in value to include labor and materials may only be performed by a contractor holding a Residential Building Contractor license.
- Electrical, mechanical, or plumbing projects that exceed \$10,000 in value to include labor and all materials require licensure.
- Mold remediation and hazardous material projects requires a license if the project value is over \$1,000.
- Commercial projects require licensure if the value of the project is over \$50,000 including labor and all materials.

Our website, www.lslbc.louisiana.gov provides information regarding all aspects of licensing law. The link below directs you to a real time list of all licensed contractors in Louisiana:

<http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/contractor-search/>

Also, a free app is available that provides the ability to verify licensure. It is available for both android and apple products. It can be located by searching for "LA Contractor".

Our regional Investigators will be visiting your offices soon and would like to leave some informational material with you for distribution to the public. If you have any questions please free to ask them at any time, or contact us at the main office in Baton Rouge.

Our Investigators will also be visiting heavily impacted areas soon and distributing informational handouts to those citizens in impacted areas. If they can assist in any way please let us know.

Sincerely,

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STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS



JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR

BRAD HASSERT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 26, 2024

To: Licensed Contractors

From: Brad Hassert, Executive Director

Re: Act 178 of 2024

Pursuant to Act 178 of the 2024 Legislative session and effective August 1, 2024, a Home Improvement Registrant will no longer be able to perform structural work on an existing structure, nor be able to build an outbuilding. Home Improvement Registrants may still perform roofing work within the dollar limits, excluding structural modifications or repairs.

Further, the contract value for a Home Improvement Registrant will be capped at \$50,000. Note that this includes labor and materials.

To obtain a Residential Construction license, please make application at the following link:
<https://arlspublic.lslbc.louisiana.gov/LSLBCApplication>.

Effective August 1, Residential Construction license holders performing home improvement work will no longer be required to subcontract to Home Improvement Registrants or Residential Construction licensees so long as those subcontractors are in direct contract with the Residential Construction licensee acting as the general or prime contractor. Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Mold, Asbestos, and Hazardous Materials subcontractors will still be required to have their own license.

All performing home improvement work, to include contractor/subcontractor relationships, are required to maintain a written contractual agreement.

Should you have any questions regarding any of this information, feel free to contact us.

AFFIDAVIT CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM LICENSURE

Under penalty of perjury and the filing of false public records, the undersigned does hereby acknowledge and certify that all the information contained in the building permit application and provided herein is true and correct.

I am applying for a building permit from the Town/City/Parish of _____
for proposed construction activities to be performed at that certain parcel of immovable property bearing the
municipal address of:

Initial next to each statement below to attest to your understanding.

_____ I understand that state law requires construction be done by a licensed contractor and I have applied for a permit under the exemption granted in La. R.S. 37:2157(A)(14), <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=93576>, to act as the general contractor as defined in La. R.S. 2150.1(4), <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=93567>, for the construction, repair, improvement, or maintenance of my home or accessory building and will maintain the house as my primary residence following the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy or completion of construction.

_____ I understand that I will not be allowed to obtain a permit for the construction or improvement of another residence within a period of one year from the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy unless I experience a change in legal marital status or employment as specified in La. R.S. 37:2157(A)(14).

_____ I understand that as the contractor of record, I bear sole legal and financial responsibility for the entirety of this project; must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction; may not hire an unlicensed person to act as my contractor, construction manager, and/or to supervise persons working on my residence or building.

_____ I understand that it is a frequent practice of unlicensed persons to have the property owner obtain an owner-builder permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and materials. I, as an owner-builder, may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person or his or her employees while working on my property. My homeowner's insurance policy may not provide coverage for those injuries. I am willfully acting as an owner-builder and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property. I am aware of the recommended builder's risk, workers' compensation, and liability insurances I may purchase for protection from financial risk.

_____ I understand that I may protect myself from potential financial risk by hiring a licensed contractor and having the permit filed in his or her own name instead of my name.

_____ I agree that, as the party legally and financially responsible for this proposed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws and requirements and the construction itself must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

_____ **I understand that this exemption does not apply to any subcontractors who are subject to licensure requirements as described in La. R.S. 37:2150, *et seq.***

_____ I understand the warranty provisions of the New Home Warranty Act are found in La. R.S. 9:3141-3150. Its specific provisions may be reviewed at: http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/New_Home_Warranty_Act.pdf.

_____ I understand the Contractors Licensing Law, its Rules and Regulations, a searchable database of licensed contractors, and other requisite information may be found on the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors website at www.lslbc.gov.

_____ I understand that this affidavit is a legal document and I have the right to consult an attorney prior to signing.

_____ I understand that this affidavit is the **only** document authorized by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2160(C) to claim exemption from licensure.

_____ **I understand that the intentional act of submitting false information to a public agency is a felony violation under R.S. 14:133 of the Louisiana Criminal Code, punishable by up to five (5) years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.00.**

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Homeowner

Signature of Notary

Name of Homeowner

Name and Notary/Bar#

CITY OF ABBEVILLE
EROSION/SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN
APPLICATION



OWNER OR DEVELOPERS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONSULTING FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN: _____

FILING FEE: **\$50.00**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the submitted Erosion & Sediment Control Plan does comply with the City of Abbeville's Ordinance (Sec. 15-200 thru 15-218)

Electronic Signature Agreement

I understand and agree that my application will be signed electronically when I type my name in the signature box **AND** select the check box below. I also understand that my electronic signature means that I intend to apply for this permit/application and have provided the City of Abbeville with accurate information.

I understand that under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this electronic application, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison or may face other penalties, or both.

Signature

Date

☐ **I have read and agree with the statements above.**

WHAT IS THE STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN TEMPLATE?

The Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Template is designed to help operators construction sites develop a streamlined SWPPP that meets the minimum requirements of EPA's Construction General Permit (CGP). This simplified template does not change, relax, or modify any existing conditions in the CGP, including the requirement to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for permit coverage.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Think of the SWPPP Template as a 1040EZ tax form for small construction sites. All of the same requirements apply, but compliance options are focused on only those controls that apply to small residential lot construction, and they are presented in a simplified, user-friendly format. The SWPPP Template streamlines SWPPP development by providing a simplified menu of erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention practices that operators can select from to complete a SWPPP consistent with the minimum requirements in the CGP.

Easy to Use BMP Menu The SWPPP Template provides operators with a walk-through menu of typical erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention practices (i.e., Best Management Practices or BMPs) appropriate for construction sites.

Illustrated Appendix with Pull-Out BMP Spec Sheets Clear, step-by-step BMP spec sheets for each practice you choose are provided in an illustrated appendix that you may edit based on your site-specific conditions.

TO ACCESS EPA'S STREAMLINED SWPPP TEMPLATE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW.

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities>

WHO NEEDS TO SEEK COVERAGE UNDER THE EPA CGP?

Stormwater discharges from construction activities that disturb one or more acres, or smaller sites disturbing less than one acre that are part of a common plan of development or sale, are regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permitting program. Prior to the start of construction, construction operators must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit, which is administered either by the state (if it is authorized to operate the NPDES program) or EPA. Where EPA is the permitting authority, operators may seek coverage under the EPA CGP. The CGP requires operators of construction sites to meet effluent limits (i.e., through the implementation of erosion and sediment controls) and requires operators to develop a SWPPP detailing erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention measures that will be implemented to meet the requirements of the CGP.

DOES MY PROJECT QUALIFY FOR SWPPP TEMPLATE?

Your site must meet the following criteria:

- Projects must disturb less than one acre of land
- Projects must be located outside of sensitive areas (endangered species, wetlands, historic preservation etc)
- Projects must not cause disturbance within 50 ft of a water of the U.S.
- Projects must not require the use of chemical treatment for stormwater
- Project must not disturb steep slopes



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

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10 Steps to Stormwater Pollution Prevention

(1) Protect Any Areas Reserved for Vegetation or Infiltration and Preserve Existing Trees If you will be installing infiltration-based features such as rain gardens or bioswales, make sure these areas are designated as off limits to avoid compaction.

(2) Stockpile Your Soil EPA's CGP requires operators to preserve native topsoil on site unless infeasible and protect all soil storage piles from run-on and runoff. For smaller stockpiles, covering the entire pile with a tarp may be sufficient.

(3) Protect Construction Materials from Run-On and Runoff At the end of every workday and during precipitation events, provide cover for materials that could leach pollutants.

(4) Designate Waste Disposal Areas Clearly identify separate waste disposal areas on site for hazardous waste, construction waste, and domestic waste by designating with signage, and protect from run-on and runoff.

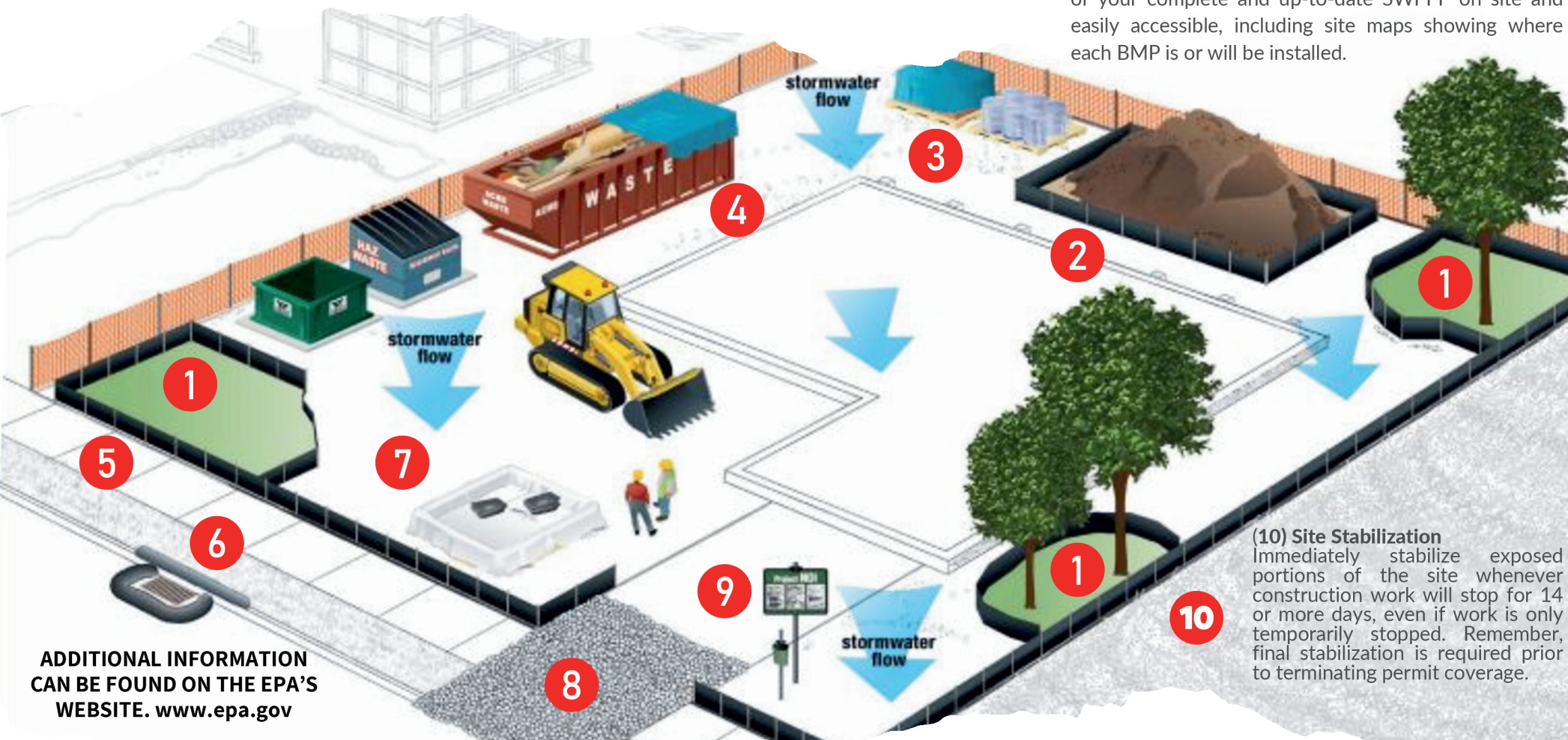
(5) Install Perimeter Controls on Downhill Lot Line Install perimeter controls such as sediment filter logs or silt fences around the downhill boundaries of your site.

(6) Install Inlet Controls Sediment control logs, gravel barriers, and sand or rock bags are options for effective inlet controls. Make sure to remove accumulated sediment whenever it has reached halfway up the control.

(7) Install a Concrete/Stucco Washout Basin Designate a leak-proof basin lined with plastic for washing out used concrete and stucco containers. Never wash excess stucco or concrete residue down a storm drain or into a stream!

(8) Maintain a Stabilized Exit Pad Minimize sediment track-out from vehicles exiting your site by maintaining an exit pad made of crushed rock spread over geotextile fabric. If sediment track-out occurs, remove deposited sediment by the end of the same work day.

(9) Post Your NOI and Keep an Up-to-Date Copy of Your SWPPP on Site Post a sign or other notice of your permit coverage, including your NPDES tracking number and site contact information. Also, keep a copy of your complete and up-to-date SWPPP on site and easily accessible, including site maps showing where each BMP is or will be installed.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND ON THE EPA'S
WEBSITE. www.epa.gov

(10) Site Stabilization
Immediately stabilize exposed portions of the site whenever construction work will stop for 14 or more days, even if work is only temporarily stopped. Remember, final stabilization is required prior to terminating permit coverage.

CITY OF ABBEVILLE TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION



Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Options for tree preservation:

- ☐ Preservation of existing trees
- ☐ Planting of new trees
- ☐ Payment into tree mitigation fund

Location of Tree to be removed _____

Number of trees to be removed: _____

Type of tree/trees to be removed: _____

Number of replacement tree/trees: _____

Size of replacement tree trees: _____

Type of replacement tree/trees: _____

Location of replacement tree/trees: _____

Electronic Signature Agreement

I understand and agree that my application will be signed electronically when I type my name in the signature box **AND** select the check box below. I also understand that my electronic signature means that I intend to apply for this permit/application and have provided the City of Abbeville with accurate information.

I understand that under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this application, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this electronic application, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison or may face other penalties, or both.

Signature

Date

☐ I have read and agree with the statements above.

● **ARTICLE VII. – TREES [5]**

Footnotes:

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 13-03, adopted Apr. 2, 2013, repealed §§ 5-201—5-212 of the former art. VII, leaving § 5-200 unaffected, and enacted new §§ 5-201—5-218 as set out herein. The former art. VII pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 95-24, adopted Sept. 19, 1995.

● **Sec. 5-200. - Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply to this article:

Park trees: Trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation in public parks having individual names and all areas owned by the city, or to which the public has free access as a park, including sidewalks, alleys and alleyways, or any tree planted in the ground by the city.

Street trees: Trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues, or ways within the corporate limits of the City of Abbeville.

(Ord. No. 95-24, 9-19-95; Ord. No. 09-08, 8-18-09)

● **Sec. 5-201. - Applicability.**

(a) Generally. Unless specifically exempted below, the tree preservation requirements of this section apply to:

- (1) The subdivision of any tract two (2) acres or greater;
- (2) The development or redevelopment of any commercial site ten thousand (10,000) square feet in size or larger; and
- (3) Any heritage tree described in section 5-203.

(b) Exemptions.

(1) Exempt activities.

- a. Lands used for agricultural purposes.
- b. The clearing of understory trees and shrubs necessary to perform boundary surveying or to conduct tree surveys or inventories.
- c. Buildings and uses lawfully existing as of the effective date of this section may be renovated or repaired without providing additional tree conservation and heritage tree preservation, provided there is no change in use of existing floor area, or an increase of less than twenty (20) percent or two thousand (2,000) square feet in expansion or the addition of accessory buildings or structures.

(2) Exempt trees.

- a. Any heritage tree or areas of tree canopy determined by the city to be diseased, dying, or dead.
- b. Any heritage tree or areas of tree canopy determined to be causing a danger or be in hazardous condition as a result of a natural event such as hurricane, tornado, storm, flood or other natural event that endangers the public health, welfare or safety and requires immediate removal.
- c. Any heritage trees or areas of tree canopy within twenty (20) feet of a residential building.
- d. Trees or areas of tree canopy that interfere with the clear sight distance for roadways as determined by the city engineer.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-202. - Tree preservation generally.**

(a) The tree preservation requirements of this section address heritage tree preservation.

(b) Once the minimum tree preservation requirements have been determined for a site, the applicant may comply with the requirements through one (1) or a combination of the following methods:

- (1) Preservation of existing trees;
- (2) Planting of new trees; or
- (3) Payment into a tree mitigation fund.

(c) For the purposes of this section, projects with multiple lots or sites developed under a common development plan may be considered a single site.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-203. - Heritage tree preservation.**

(a) Heritage trees generally. A heritage tree is any tree or group of trees with the following characteristics:

- (1) Any live oak, southern magnolia, or bald cypress with a DBH of twenty (20) inches or more; or

(2) Any tree or group of trees specifically designated by the city council, after recommendation by the city tree board, for protection because of its historical significance, special character or community benefit; [or]

(3) Any additional tree designated on the city's heritage tree list as approved by the city council and maintained by the city tree board.

(b) Heritage tree removal.

(1) The removal of any heritage tree is prohibited unless the city tree board issues a tree removal permit.

(2) The applicant for a tree removal permit must submit a heritage tree mitigation plan including, but not limited to, the following information:

- a. Location and type of tree to be removed;
- b. Number, size and type of replacement trees;
- c. Location of replacement trees;
- d. Whether the applicant will pay into to the tree mitigation fund.

(3) In the case of emergency, when a heritage tree is hazardous or dangerous to life or property, it may be removed without a tree removal permit.

(c) Heritage tree mitigation. Mitigation of the removal of a heritage tree may occur in one (1) of the following ways:

(1) On-site replacement. When an applicant is proposing to mitigate the removal of a Heritage Tree with on-site replacement, the following standards apply:

- a. Replacement tree criteria.
 - i. Each Heritage Tree must be replaced at a ratio of 3:1 replacement tree DBH to heritage tree DBH.
 - ii. The replacement trees must be a minimum of two (2) inches DBH at the time of planting.

(2) Payment to tree mitigation fund.

- a. When heritage tree replacement is infeasible, the applicant may request that the city tree board allow a payment-in-lieu of tree replacement to the tree mitigation fund.
- b. The request for payment-in-lieu of tree replacement must be presented to the city tree board for review and recommendations approval or denial.
- c. The city tree board may approve or deny an application for a payment-in-lieu of tree replacement to the tree mitigation fund as provided in section 5-210, Tree mitigation fund.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-204. - Planting in clear sight distance.**

(a) A clear sight distance must be established at the intersection of a driveway and a street and on all corner lots (the intersection of two (2) streets) as required by the city engineer in accordance with prevailing sight triangle requirements.

(b) All established street trees interfering with the clear sight distance must be maintained by the abutting property owner and must be kept free of foliage for seven (7) feet measured up from the base of the tree. Shrubs within the clear sight distance area may not exceed thirty (30) inches in height, with the actual height to be determined by the city engineer.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-205. - Plant protection.**

(a) Tree protection during construction.

(1) Existing trees remain[ing] on the site must be [protected] from vehicular movement and material storage over their root spaces during construction. An undisturbed area with a porous surface must be reserved below the drip line of each tree or group of trees.

(2) Trees designated for protection must be completely enclosed by a temporary fence. Fencing must be in place prior to any clearing or site work. Fencing must remain in place until all construction has been completed.

(b) Root protection zone.

(1) A root protection zone, defined by an average radius extending outward from the trunk of the tree a distance of one (1) linear foot for each inch (DBH), must be established around the trunk of each tree preserved or planted.

(2) No cutting, filling, trenching, root disturbance, soil disturbance, or construction impacts may occur closer to the trunk than one-half (½)

the root protection zone radius. In parking areas where approved alternative materials and methods are used, construction may be as close as five (5) feet from the root flares on one (1) side of the tree.

- (3) The root protection zone may be shifted and clustered as long as there is no construction closer to the trunk than one-half (½) the root protection zone radius. The construction of sidewalks is allowed in the root protection zone, as long as excavation does not exceed three (3) inches.
- (4) The area contained within a root protection zone required under this subsection must be left in a previous condition after construction and development are completed unless approved alternative construction methods are used.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-206. - Administrator.**

The administrator of this article shall be the mayor or other official as designated by the mayor.

- (a) General authority. The administrator is responsible for:
 - (1) The implementation and administration of this article;
 - (2) Maintaining written records of all actions taken under this article; and
 - (3) Making interpretations of this article.
- (b) Review authority. The administrator is responsible for review and recommendations regarding:
 - (1) The tree mitigation fund;
 - (2) Heritage-free removal permit.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-207. - Creation and establishment of a city tree board.**

The city tree board is hereby created and established for the City of Abbeville. The planning commission shall serve as the city tree board.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-208. - Compensation.**

Members of the city tree board shall serve without compensation.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-209. - Duties and responsibilities.**

- (a) General authority. The city tree board is established to oversee the care, preservation, removal and planting of trees, shrubs, and grasses in accordance with this article.
- (b) Authority for final action. The city tree board is responsible for final action regarding:
 - (1) The tree mitigation fund;
 - (2) Tree species list;
 - (3) Tree maintenance; and
 - (4) Heritage tree removal permit.
- (c) Review authority. The city tree board is responsible for review and recommendations regarding the acceptance of payment-in-lieu of heritage tree preservation requirements.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-210. - Tree mitigation fund.**

- (a) Fund established. The mayor is hereby directed to establish a dedicated account to be entitled the tree mitigation fund.
- (b) Fund administration and management.
 - (1) The tree mitigation fund is to be administered by the city tree board with the authority of the city council.
 - (2) The record keeping, and day-to-day management of the tree mitigation fund is the responsibility of the administrator.
- (c) Use of funds. The funds collected from mitigation fees may only be used by the city to pay for the planting, pruning, and general maintenance of trees. Generated funds may be used by the city for trees on public or private property.
- (d) Funds to be kept separate. The balance of the tree mitigation fund must be recorded and accounted for in a manner that distinguishes them from other general funds and must be disbursed in a manner consistent with the purposes for which the fund has been established.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-211. - Tree species to be planted.**

The city tree board will develop a list of desirable trees for planting.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-212. - Distance from curb and sidewalks.**

The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curb lines and sidewalks will be in accordance with previously passed ordinances adopted by the city council.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-213. - Utilities and fireplugs.**

No street trees may be planted under any overhead utility wire or within ten (10) feet of any fireplug.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-214. - Public tree care.**

- (a) The city shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain or remove trees, plants, and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares, and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds.
- (b) The city tree board may recommend to the city council to remove or cause or order to be removed any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which may by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect, or other pest. This section does not prohibit the planting of street trees by adjacent property owners, providing that the selection and location of said trees is in accordance with all of the ordinances previously adopted by the city council.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-215. - Tree topping.**

It shall be unlawful as a normal practice for any person, firm, or city department to top any street tree, park tree, or other tree on public property. "Topping" is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three (3) inches in diameter within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical, may be exempted from this article at the determination of the city council or the mayor.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-216. - Pruning; corner clearance.**

- (a) Every owner of a tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the city should prune the branches so that such branches shall not severely obstruct the light from any streetlamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased, or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The city shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a streetlight or interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign or sight triangle at intersections. Tree limbs that grow near utility rights-of-way may be trimmed or pruned by the city or any public utility company in compliance with any applicable franchise agreements.
- (b) All stumps of street and park trees shall be removed below the surface of the ground so that the top of the stump shall not project above the surface of the ground.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-217. - Interference with city tree board.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent delay or interfere with the city tree board and any of its agents while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying, or removing of any street trees, park trees, or tree on public grounds, as authorized in this article.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)

● **Sec. 5-218. - Review by city council.**

The city council shall have the right to review the conduct, acts, and decisions of the city tree board. Any person may appeal from any ruling or order of the city tree board to the city council, who may hear the matter and make final decisions.

(Ord. No. 13-03, 4-2-13)