

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND  
61 CHURCH ROAD  
MILFORD, NJ 08848

**TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name (if a corporation, list principle) \_\_\_\_\_

**(This party will be held responsible for compliance with all applicable codes)**

Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address (if different than subject property): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate below the number of trees from each category to be removed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Trees exempt under §145-53

\_\_\_\_\_ DBH of 2.5" (street trees only) x 1 tree of 1.5" minimum caliper = \_\_\_\_\_ replacement trees

\_\_\_\_\_ DBH of 6" to 12.99" x 1 tree of 1.5" minimum caliper = \_\_\_\_\_ replacement trees

\_\_\_\_\_ DBH of 13" to 22.99" x 2 trees of 1.5" minimum caliper = \_\_\_\_\_ replacement trees

\_\_\_\_\_ DBH of 23" to 32.99" x 3 trees of 1.5" minimum caliper = \_\_\_\_\_ replacement trees

\_\_\_\_\_ DBH of 33" or greater x 4 trees of 1.5" minimum caliper = \_\_\_\_\_ replacement trees

**Application Checklist (Fill out all that apply to this application):**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee Total per §145-52A.2

\_\_\_\_\_ Plantings list for replacement trees per §145-52B or Replacement alternative per §145-52C

\_\_\_\_\_ Proper written justification for exemptions taken in accordance with §145-53

\_\_\_\_\_ Written application for removal of any trees in the Township right-of-way if applicable (in accordance with Chapter 164-4) of the Code

Replacement tree plantings are to be selected in accordance with Native Plant Society of New Jersey Plant Lists found at the following link: <https://npsnj.org/native-plants/plant-lists/>

Replacement tree plantings are to be conducted in accordance with the attached planting guide.

THIS APPLICANT AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND "TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT" ORDINANCE – CHAPTER 145, ARTICLE X, AND "TREES" CHAPTER 164

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE



## ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Holland has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit from the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Holland is subject to the Community-wide Ordinance requirements of the Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community-Wide Ordinance requirements in the Township of Holland's Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit necessitate the adoption of the ordinance by the Municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT CHAPTER 145 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND, ENTITLED "STORMWATER QUALITY", IS EMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Part One** – Chapter 145 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled "Stormwater Quality" shall be emended as follows:

### **Chapter 145 – Stormwater Quality**

#### **Article X – Tree Removal and Replacement**

##### **§145-50. Scope and Purpose.**

An ordinance to establish requirements for tree removal and replacement in the Township of Holland to reduce soil erosion and pollutant runoff, promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil, and protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare.

##### **§145-51. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The use of the word "shall" means the requirement is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

##### **APPLICANT**

Means any "person", as defined below, who applies for approval to remove trees regulated under this ordinance.

##### **CRITICAL ROOT RADIUS (CRR)**

Means the zone around the base of a tree where the majority of the root system is found. This zone is calculated by multiplying the diameter at breast height (DBH) *in inches* of the tree by 1.5 *feet* (Result expressed in Feet). For example: a tree with a 6" DBH would have a CRR = 6" x 1.5 = 9'.

**DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT (DBH)**

Means the diameter of the trunk of a mature tree generally measured at a point four and a half feet above ground level from the uphill side of the tree. For species of trees where the main trunk divides below the 4 ½ foot height, the DBH shall be measured at the highest point before any division.

**HIGH RISK 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 high risk trees.

- A. Has an infectious disease or insect infestation;
- B. Is dead or dying;
- C. Obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles, where pruning attempts have not been effective;
- D. Is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.); or
- E. Is determined to be a threat to public health, safety, and/or welfare by a certified arborist or Licensed Tree Expert (LTE).

**PERSON**

Means any individual, resident, corporation, utility, company, partnership, firm, or association.

**PLANTING STRIP**

Means the part of a street right-of-way between the public right-of-way and the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic or between the abutting property line and the curb or traveled portion of the street, exclusive of any sidewalk.

**RESIDENT**

Means an individual who resides on the residential property or contractor hired by the individual who resides on the residential property where a tree(s) regulated by this ordinance is removed or proposed to be removed.

**STREET TREE**

Means a tree planted in the sidewalk, planting strip, and/or in the public right-of-way adjacent to (or specified distance from) the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic. This also includes trees planted in planting strips within the roadway right-of-way, i.e., islands, medians, pedestrian refuges.

**TREE**

Means a woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.

**TREE CALIPER**

Means the diameter of the trunk of a young tree, measured six (6) inches from the soil line. For young trees whose caliper exceeds four (4) inches, the measurement is taken twelve (12) inches above the soil line.

**TREE REMOVAL**

Means to kill or to cause irreparable damage that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning, application of substances that are toxic to the tree,

over-mulching or improper mulching, and improper grading and/or soil compaction within the critical root radius around the base of the tree that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. Removal does not include responsible pruning and maintenance of a tree, or the application of treatments intended to manage invasive species.

## **§145-52. Regulated Activities.**

### **A. Application Process:**

1. Any person planning to remove a street tree, as defined as Tree removal, with DBH of 2.5” or more or any non-street tree with DBH of 6” or more on their property shall submit a Tree Removal Application to the Holland Township Zoning Officer or other designated Municipal Official. No tree shall be removed until municipal officials have reviewed and approved the removal.
2. Applicants will be subject to an application fee per tree to be removed in accordance with the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
3. Applicants may be required to post an escrow deposit in the event that the Tree Removal Application and subsequent review requires the Township to engage a Licensed Tree Expert to review the requested trees to be removed. The escrow amount shall be determined at the time of the Application. Applicants shall be notified in writing at the time of application filing.

### **B. Tree Replacement Requirements**

1. Any person who removes one or more street tree(s) with a DBH of 2.5” or more, unless exempt under Section 145-53, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
2. Any person, who removes one or more non-street tree(s), as defined as Tree removal, with a DBH of 6” or more per acre, unless otherwise detailed under Section 145-53, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table.
3. The species type and diversity of replacement trees shall be in accordance with the list of native tree species published by the Native Plant Society of New Jersey (<http://www.npsnj.org/>).
4. Replacement tree(s) shall:
  - a. Be replaced in kind with a tree that has an equal or greater DBH than tree removed **or** meet the Tree Replacement Criteria in the table below;
  - b. Be planted within twelve (12) months of the date of removal of the original tree(s) or at an alternative date specified by the municipality;
  - c. Be monitored by the applicant for a period of two (2) years to ensure their survival and shall be replaced as needed within twelve (12) months; and
  - d. Shall not be planted in temporary containers or pots, as these do not count towards tree replacement requirements.

**Tree Replacement Requirements Table:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Tree Removed (DBH)</b>	<b>Tree Replacement Criteria (See Appendix A)</b>	<b>Application Fee</b>
1	DBH of 2.5" (for street trees) or 6" (for non-street trees) to 12.99"	Replant 1 tree with a minimum tree caliper of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>\$10.00/ Tree</i>
2	DBH of 13" to 22.99"	Replant 2 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>\$20.00/ Tree</i>
3	DBH of 23" to 32.99"	Replant 3 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>\$40.00/ Tree</i>
4	DBH of 33" or greater	Replant 4 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>\$50.00/ Tree</i>

**C. Replacement Alternatives:**

1. If the municipality determines that some or all required replacement trees cannot be planted on the property where the tree removal activity occurred, then the applicant shall do one of the following:
  - a. Plant replacement trees in a separate area(s) approved by the municipality.
  - b. Pay a fee of \$100.00 per tree replacement planting not completed in accordance with the Tree Replacement Requirements Table above. This fee shall be placed into a fund dedicated to tree planting and continued maintenance of the trees.

**§145-53. Exemptions.**

All persons shall comply with the tree replacement standard outlined above, except in the cases detailed below. Proper justification shall be provided, in writing, to the municipality by all persons claiming an exemption. Exemptions shall be granted at the discretion of the Holland Township Zoning Officer upon review of applications for tree removal.

- A. Residents who remove less than four (4) trees per acre that fall into category 1, 2, or 3 of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table within a five-year period.
- B. Tree farms in active operation, nurseries, fruit orchards, and garden centers;
- C. Properties used for the practice of silviculture under an approved forest stewardship or woodland management plan that is active and on file with the municipality;
- D. Any trees removed as part of a municipal or state decommissioning plan. This exemption only includes trees planted as part of the construction and predetermined to be removed in the decommissioning plan.
- E. 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;

- F. Approved game management practices, as recommended by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife;
- G. High risk trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement.
- H. Removal of invasive species such as Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), and others (full list of invasive New Jersey trees can be found, as per NPDEP recommendation, on the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team website [https://www.fohvos.info/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022Scientific\\_DoNotPlant.pdf](https://www.fohvos.info/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022Scientific_DoNotPlant.pdf))

**§145-54. Enforcement.**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Holland Township Zoning Officer during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

**§145-55. Violations and Penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to be less than the amount required under Section 145-52C.1.b. above.

**Part Two** – Chapter 83 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Fees” shall be emended as follows:

Chapter 145, Stormwater Quality

Article X – Tree Removal and Replacement

Application Fees

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1	DBH of 2.5” (for street trees) or 6” (for non-street trees) to 12.99”	\$10.00/ Tree
2	DBH of 13” to 22.99”	\$20.00/ Tree
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4	DBH of 33” or greater	\$50.00/ Tree

Non-Replacement Fees

\$100 per Tree not replaced in accordance with the Tree Replacement Requirements Table in Chapter 145 – Article X – Tree Removal and Replacement

**Part Three – Severability**

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to such section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Part Four** - This ordinance was introduced on first reading May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and shall take effect upon the publication of notice of final adoption on June 13, 2024 as provided by law.

*I Melissa S. Tigar, Municipal Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and accurate copy of an ordinance adopted on final reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Holland at a regular and duly convened meeting held on June 5, 2024*

*In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Holland this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024*

  
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Melissa S. Tigar, RMC  
Municipal Clerk, Holland Township

