

# CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Richard Weinsier, Tree Board Chairman  
**Subject:** Requested Changes to the Tree Removal Application

Tree Removal Permit Application - Developed Property	
<p><i>Tree Removal permits are required to meet the conditions under the <b>Ordinance CH 48, ART III, SEC 48-63 – HB 1159</b> Tree Protection -<a href="http://www.municode.com">www.municode.com</a></i></p>	
Parcel ID	Permit #
Property Owner's Name	Owner's Phone Number
Property Address	
Party Responsible for Tree Removal	Contractor Phone Number
<p><b>Fine for an UNAUTHORIZED removal of a HEALTHY tree with a Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) from 4" to 24" is \$100 PER INCH. For a LEGACY tree with a DBH over 24" is \$200 PER INCH.</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>This permit needs Tree Board approval to remove a HEALTHY tree with DBH of 24" or more.</b></p>	
Reason for Removal Request	
<p><b><u>Attach to this permit</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>\$35 fee.</b></li> <li>2. ISA Certified Arborist/Landscape Architect report with species and DBH of tree(s) to be removed.</li> <li>3. Map/Survey showing location of tree(s) to be removed.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Submit to City</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan specifying location and type of replacement tree(s), <b>if required.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>Commercial Tree Service</u> must</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be registered with the City before doing any work. Registration application form is available at <a href="http://www.belleislefl.gov">www.belleislefl.gov</a>.</li> <li>2. Remove all tree debris.</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Understand</u> that</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This entire permit must be posted at a job site that is valid for six (6) months.</li> <li>2. <b>If a City Arborist is required, resident will bear the cost.</b></li> <li>3. <b>City Arborist's</b> report will certify whether the criteria for tree removal are met.</li> <li>4. <b>City Arborist's</b> fee is non-refundable whether the permit application is approved or denied.</li> <li>5. Tree(s) requested for removal must be <b>visibly marked with large red "X"</b> for identification.</li> <li>6. Replacement tree(s) must be planted while this permit is valid, inspected by Code Enforcement, and meets the requirements of the Belle Isle ordinance.</li> <li>7. <b>Replacement tree(s) will be inspected by Code Enforcement one (1) year after replacement date.</b></li> <li>8. The fine for a violation of the Tree Ordinance:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For a tree with a DBH from 4" to 24" is \$100 per inch.</b></li> <li>• <b>For a tree with a DBH over 24" is \$200 per inch.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>APPLICANT CERTIFICATION</b> (Owner or Applicant acting as Owner's Representative): I certify that all information supplied with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p>	

Owner - Print	Owner's Signature	Date
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**FOR OFFICE USE**

Arborist / Hazardous Tree Report Received If yes, no application fee is required. ISA #	YES	NO	ZONING APPROVED SIGNATURE	APPLICATION FEE: <b>\$35</b> TYPE OF PAYMENT
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Please refer to the Code of Ordinances of Belle Isle, Florida, at [www.municiode.com](http://www.municiode.com) to view a full copy of the City Ordinance Chapter 48, Art 111, Section 48-63(d). Tree Protection – HB 1159.

**NO permit/fee is required if a report or documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect is provided that demonstrates the tree's danger to person or property. Documentation must be provided to the City within ten days of receipt.**

**A HEALTHY tree CANNOT be removed unless one of the following circumstances exists:**

1. The location of the tree restricts the opening of a street or road right-of-way.
2. The location of the tree restricts the construction of utility lines or drainage facilities.
3. The location of the tree restricts access to the property.
4. The area of the tree restricts the use of the property consistent with all other city regulations.
5. The selective removal of up to 25% of existing trees with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of less than **four** inches to provide increased light and air circulation.
6. Removal of the tree is required, in writing, by the homeowners' insurance company or proposed insurance company.

**Replacement Trees MUST** have a minimum DBH of four inches **and be done according to this chart.**

DBH of Removal Tree	Number of Replacement Trees
<b>4' up to but not including 12"</b>	1
<b>12' up to but not including 18"</b>	2
18-inches or greater	3

**Restricted Tree List**

- **Brazilian Pepper and Camphor**
- **Chinese Tallow**
- **Melaleuca (Paper Bark) and Mimosa (Silk Tree)**

**Suggested Tree List<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Additional varieties of trees are suitable for Central Florida. Please contact UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Office at 407-254-9200 or [orange@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:orange@ifas.ufl.edu)

**Tall Shade Trees (mature height of 50-70+ feet)**

- Bald Cypress
- Hickory
- Oaks (Sand Live, Shumard, Swamp Chestnut, Willow, Nuttal, Overcup)
- Podocarpus
- Pond Cypress
- Red Cedar
- Red Maple and Cultivars
- Southern Live Oak and Cultivars
- Southern Magnolia and Cultivars
- Sugarberry
- Tulip Poplar
- Sweetgum
- Sycamore
- Pine (Longleaf, Slash)

**Medium Trees (mature height of 30-45 feet)**

- American Hornbeam
- Cherry Laurel
- Elms (Allee, Drake, Winged)
- Dogwood
- Jerusalem Thorn
- Magnolia (Bracken Brown, Beauty, Little Gem, Sweet Bay)
- Redbud
- Riverbirch (Duraheat)
- Southern Red Cedar
- Tabebuia (Pink Trumpet) and Fringe

**Understory Trees (mature height of 15-25 feet)**

- Bottlebrush
- Crape Myrtle
- Plum (Chicksaw, Flatwoods)
- Japanese Blueberry
- Ligustrum
- Orchid Tree
- Tabebuia (Golden Trumpet)
- Tibouchina (Purple Glory Tree) Walter's
- Viburnum and Wax Myrtle
- Weaver's White – Flowering Dogwood
- Holly (Dahoon, Yaupon, Eagleston)