

Litchfield by The Sea ARB Tree Removal Application

As of October 2023, Georgetown County has enacted a revised tree protection ordinance that now applies to all single-family homes on the Waccamaw Neck. A permit is now required to remove a protected tree (as defined below). Penalties for removal of protected trees have been raised from \$500 per tree, to \$500 per inch of DBH (diameter measured 4.5' from ground). From the ordinance:

1303.1 Protected Trees. All trees of at least ten (10) inches DBH, except for Palmetto (Sabal palmetto), Bradford Pear (Pyrus calleryana), Pecan Trees (Carya illinoensis), Pine Trees (other than Longleaf/Pinus palustris), Sweet Gums (Liquidambar styraciflua), Crepe Myrtles (Lagerstroemia indica) and Wax Myrtles (Myrica cerfera) are protected in this overlay. Longleaf Pine Trees of at least fifteen (15) inches DBH are only protected on non-singlefamily parcels. (Amended Ord. 2021-23)

If you wish to remove a tree on your property, fill out the attached form and submit to the LBTS ARB. Unless the tree is one of these exceptions, we suggest you contact the county before submitting the request. All types of trees, including those listed above, that are old (legacy), large (grand), or have multiple trunks (total diameters greater than 10"), may be a protected tree. In that case, contact the county to determine if a permit is required.

Tree removal from LBTS common lands is the responsibility of LBTS. If you believe a tree must be removed from common land, contact the ARB and we will determine responsibility.

To obtain a county permit contact: Zoning Administrator Office, 129 Screven St, Georgetown SC 29440, 843-545-3299 – Permit window hours 8:30am to 4:00PM

The LBTS ARB has the authority to assess monetary penalties against an owner for the following:

- 1. Removing tree(s) without inspection and written approval*
- 2. Failure to remove a stump(s), replace a tree(s) or fix landscaping when required*

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Property Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Tree: _____

County approval: yes ___/ no ___ (attach statement if yes)

Tree Removal Company: _____

Location of tree (mark each with tape or ribbon): _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

Return this completed form to Dee Lacerte at Waccamaw Management. You may reach her at 843-237-9551 or deel@waccamawmanagement.com.

Need to remove stump(s): yes ___/ no ___

Need to replace tree(s): yes ___/no ___

Need to re-landscape: yes ___/no ___

***Approved Not Approved**

***An approval notice will be emailed from Waccamaw Management and must be delivered to the guard gate by the resident before tree removal.**

By: _____ Date: _____

LBTS ARB Member