

City of Rockford, Illinois

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REMOVAL/PLANTING OF STREET TERRACE TREES

Permit Application

(THIS IS AN APPLICATION FORM AND IS NOT TO BE USED AS A PERMIT)

RETURN THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION TO:

**CITY OF ROCKFORD
ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION
425 E. STATE ST.
ROCKFORD, IL 61104
815-967-6744**

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ARTICLE II. PERMITS

I. Section 29-25. Required.

No person, shall plant, transplant, move, spray, brace, trim prune, cut above or below ground, disturb, alter or do surgery on any public tree or shrub within the city or cause such an act to be done by others, without first obtaining a written permit for such work from the city forester.

II. Section 29-27. Issuance; contents; expiration.

Every permit required by this article shall be issued by the city forester on forms prepared by him and shall include a description of the work to be done and shall specify the species or variety, size, nursery grade and location of the tree(s). Any work done under such permit shall be performed in strict accordance with the terms thereof and the provisions of this chapter. Permits issued under this section shall expire six (6) months after date of issue.

APPLICATION AND APPROVAL;

This application must be filled out completely to be considered for permit issue. Please be aware that whenever a property owner plants a tree in the street terrace, it becomes Public Domain. A written permit can be issued under the following conditions.

CONDITIONS OF TREE PLANTING OR REMOVAL PERMIT

The permittee shall be liable for:

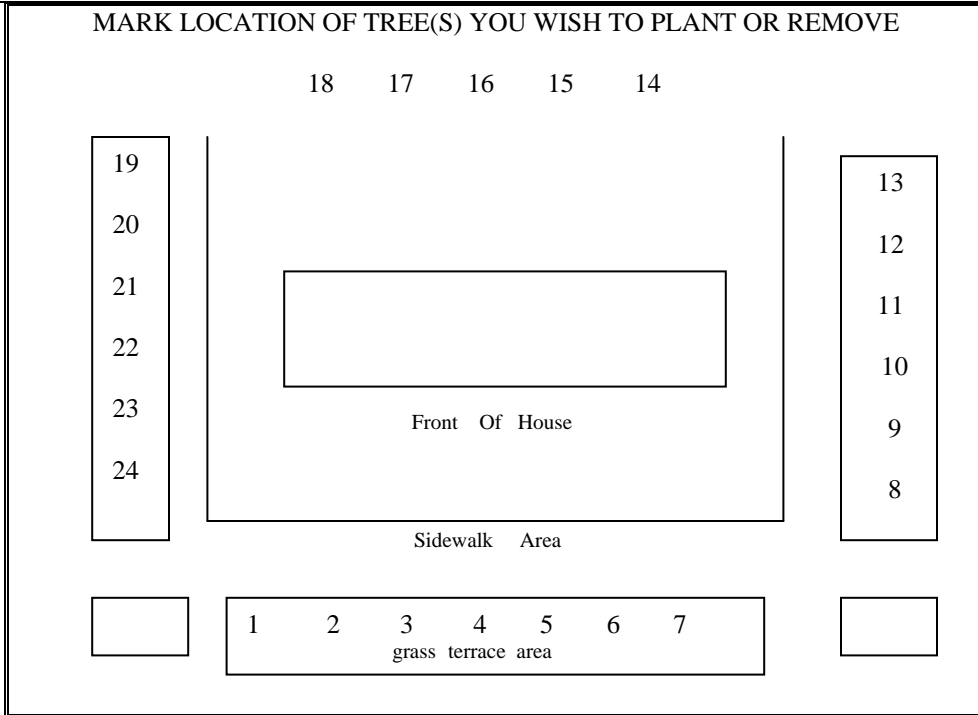
- 1. All expenses involved in planting/removal of the approved species.**
- 2. Any injuries and/or damages sustained in such action.**
- 3. Removal of the tree(s), stump(s), debris and site(s) restoration.**
- 4. Contact J.U.L.I.E. (Joint Utility Locate) at 1-800-892-0123 and all other non J.U.L.I.E. members to located underground utilities at least 48 hours prior to digging. (Water Dept. 815-961-3764).**
- 5. Replacement of the tree(s) in question at the designated site(s) or any public areas within the City limits. (subject to the city forester approval)**
- 6. The minimum size of replacement tree(s) shall be two and one half inches (2 1/2") in diameter as measured six inches (6") above grade and ten (10') to fourteen (14') feet in height.**
- 7. If Commonwealth Edison wires are present you must call 1-800-334-7661 to obtain special instructions when working near electric wires.**

PERMIT APPLICATION
Planting or Removal of Street Terrace Trees

Site Address: _____ **Property ID#** _____
 Property Owners Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: () _____ Approx. Plant or Removal Date: _____

PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO: Homeowner _____ Contractor Name _____

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: () _____
 REASON FOR REMOVAL: _____



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Special Instructions:

- Refer to page 3 in the information packet to select *Size Class and Placement* (see cell location above).
- Refer to page 4 to select *Species* to be planted












































Plant (P) Remove (R)	Cell #	Terrace Width	Overhead Wires (yes or no)	Species and Size of tree to be removed/ Planted	Size Class of tree to be planted (small,medium,large)

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE TO ALL PROVISIONS AND TREE PLANTING/REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THIS APPLICATION, AND TO THE TREE PLANTING/REMOVAL PERMIT, WHEN ISSUED.

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE DATE

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION DATE

Recommended Trees for Northern Illinois

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height & Shape	Native to N. Illinois	Street Tree	Spring Planting Best	Growth Rate	Ornamental Interest					Comments
							Foliage	Bark	Flowers	Fruit	Fall Color	
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	 L			✓	M	✓	✓		✓	Requires an acid soil. Tolerates wet sites.	
Beech, American	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	 L			✓	S	✓	✓		✓	Moist soil, neutral to acid. Difficult to find.	
Beech, European	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	 L		✓	✓	S	✓	✓		✓	Intolerant of high pH & compacted soils.	
Birch, Japanese Whitespire	<i>Betula platyphylla</i> 'Whitespire'	 M			✓	M	✓				Resistance to birch borer. Tolerates heat.	
Birch, River or Red	<i>Betula nigra</i>	 M	✓	✓		F	✓				Requires acid soil. Tolerates wet sites.	
Birch, Yellow	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	 L			✓	M	✓			✓	Prefers a cool, moist root zone.	
Buckeye, Ohio or Fetid	<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	 M				M		✓		✓	Intolerant of urban sites.	
Catalpa, Northern, Western	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	 L		P		F		✓			Tolerates hot, dry sites.	
Cherry, Amur Chokecherry	<i>Prunus maackii</i>	 M		P	✓	M	✓	✓	✓		Tolerates dry soils.	
Cherry, Sargent	<i>Prunus sargentii</i>	 M			✓	M	✓	✓		✓	Adaptable.	
Coffeetree, Kentucky	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	 M	✓	✓		M	✓	✓		✓	Adaptable. Urban	
Corktree, Amur	<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>	 M			✓	M	✓		✓	✓	Very adaptable.	
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	 S		✓		M		✓	✓	✓	Select disease resistant varieties.	
Dogwood, Kousa	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	 S			✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dogwood, Pagoda	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	 S	✓		✓	M		✓	✓	✓	Requires a moist root zone. Understory	
Elm, English	<i>Ulmus carpinifolia</i>	 L		P		F					Salt tolerant	
Elm, Chinese or Lacebark	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	 M		P		M	✓	✓			Tolerates urban sites.	
Elm, Regal	<i>Ulmus</i> 'Regal'	 L		✓		M	✓				Tolerates urban sites.	
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	 L				M	✓			✓	Urban.	
Hackberry, Common	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	 L	✓	✓		F	✓			✓	Extremely adaptable.	
Hawthorn, Cockspur	<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>	 S	✓	✓		S	✓	✓	✓		Very adaptable. Thornless cultivars available.	
Hawthorn, English	<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	 S				S		✓	✓		Very adaptable.	
Hawthorn, Washington	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	 S		✓		M		✓	✓	✓	Very adaptable.	
Hawthorn, Winter King	<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter King'	 S				M	✓	✓	✓		Thornless.	
Hickory, Bitternut	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	 L	✓		✓	S	✓				Only small trees available for transplant.	
Hickory, Shagbark	<i>Carya ovata</i>	 L	✓		✓	S	✓				Very adaptable.	
Honeylocust, Thornless	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i>	 M	✓	✓		F	✓			✓	Urban.	
Hornbeam, American	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	 S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓		✓	✓	Adaptable.	
Horsechestnut, Common	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	 L				M		✓				
Horsechestnut, Red	<i>Aesculus x carnea</i>	 M				M		✓			Requires a rich soil.	
Ironwood (Hophornbeam)	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	 S	✓		✓	S	✓		✓		Adaptable. Tolerates dry sites. Urban.	
Katsuratree	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	 M			✓	M	✓			✓	Adaptable.	
Larch, European	<i>Larix decidua</i>	 L			✓	F	✓		✓	✓	Requires a neutral to acid soil.	
Larch, Japanese	<i>Larix kaempferi</i>	 L			✓	F	✓		✓	✓	Requires a neutral to acid soil.	
Lilac, Japanese Tree	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	 S				M	✓	✓	✓		Very adaptable.	
Linden, American (Basswood)	<i>Tilia americana</i>	 L	✓			M		✓			Redmond or other cultivars.	
Linden, Littleleaf	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	 L				M		✓			Adaptable except for dry sites. Urban.	
Linden, Silver	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	 L		✓		M	✓	✓			Tolerates dry sites.	
Magnolia, Cucumbertree	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	 L			✓	M		✓			Requires a neutral to acid soil.	
Magnolia, Saucer	<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>	 S			✓	M	✓	✓			Requires a neutral to acid soil.	
Maple, Black	<i>Acer nigrum</i>	 L	✓	✓		M				✓		
Maple, Freeman	<i>Acer x freemanii</i>	 L	✓			F				✓	Urban. More tolerant of high pH soils.	
Maple, Norway	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	 L		✓		M		✓		✓	Seeds invasive in natural areas.	
Maple, Red or Swamp	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	L	✓	✓		M	✓	✓		✓	Requires acid soil with adequate moisture.	
Maple, Sugar or Rock	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	L	✓	✓		S		✓		✓	Adaptable. Intolerant of urban sites.	

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Maple, Sycamore or Planetree	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	L		P		M	✓		✓			Tolerates salt and wind.
Maple, Three-flowered	<i>Acer triflorum</i>	S				S		✓			✓	
Mulberry, Red	<i>Morus rubra</i>	M	✓	P		M	✓					
Oak, Black	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	M	✓		✓	M	✓					Only small trees available for transplant.
Oak, Bur	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	L	✓		✓	S	✓	✓				Tolerates wet and dry sites.
Oak, Chestnut	<i>Quercus prinus</i>	L			✓	M					✓	Tolerates dry sites.
Oak, Chinkapin	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	M	✓		✓	M	✓				✓	Tolerates dry sites and very high pH soils.
Oak, English	<i>Quercus robur</i>	L		✓		M						Very adaptable. Is intolerant of wet sites
Oak, Hill's or Northern Pin	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>	L	✓		✓	M					✓	Requires an acid soil.
Oak, Pin or Swamp	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	L	✓	✓		M					✓	Requires an acid soil.
Oak, Red	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	L	✓	✓	✓	M	✓					Is intolerant of very high pH soils.
Oak, Scarlet	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	L		✓	✓	M					✓	Tolerates dry, sandy soils.
Oak, Schumard	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	M			✓	M	✓				✓	Adaptable.
Oak, Shingle	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	M			✓	M	✓					Adaptable.
Oak, Swamp White	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	L	✓	✓	✓	S	✓					Neutral to acid soil. Tolerates wet sites.
Oak, White	<i>Quercus alba</i>	L	✓		✓	S					✓	Neutral to acid soil. Tolerates dry sites.
Pagodatree, Japanese	<i>Sophora japonica</i>	L				M	✓		✓		✓	Urban.
Pear, Callery	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	S				M			✓		✓	Very adaptable.
Persimmon, Common	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	M			✓	M		✓		✓	✓	
Plum, Purple-leaf	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	S			✓	M	✓		✓			Susceptible to canker diseases.
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	S	✓			M	✓	✓				Adaptable. Understory.
Redwood, Dawn	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	L				M	✓	✓			✓	Requires neutral to acid soil.
Serviceberry, Apple	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	S		✓		M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Adaptable.
Serviceberry, Allegheny	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	S	✓	✓		M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Adaptable.
Silverbell, Carolina	<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>	S			✓	M			✓	✓		Requires a neutral to acid soil.
Sourgum (Black Tupelo)	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	M			✓	S	✓				✓	Needs acid soil. Difficult to find in area.
Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	L			✓	F			✓	✓	✓	Adaptable. Intolerant of dry sites.
Walnut, Black	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	L	✓		✓	M						Very adaptable.
Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis lutea</i>	M		✓	✓	M	✓	✓				Very adaptable. Tolerates very high pH soils.
Zelkova, Japanese	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	L			✓	F	✓				✓	

Key: Growth Rate:

- S Slow The width of the street terrace will determine the size class of the tree that will be allowed.
- M Medium
- F Fast P--Prohibited in Parkway

Height:

- S Small 15'-30'
- M Medium 30'-50'
- L Large 50' or more

Shape:

- Horizontal
- Oval
- Pyramidal
- Round

For more information on trees and planting: University of Illinois Extension, Winnebago County, (815) 986-4357

Klehm Arboretum, (815) 965-8146

