



Notice to the Applicant:

Tree cutting approvals may require mitigation.

If you are required to mitigate for your tree removal, you are required to do one of the following mitigation options:

Option 1. Plant a replacement tree on your property.

- The replacement tree must be on the City’s approved list of trees;
- The replacement tree must be such that it contributes significantly to the future tree canopy in Durham;
- The replacement tree must meet size requirements:
 - Deciduous trees must be 2.0 inches in diameter at the top of the root ball,
 - Evergreen trees must be at least 6 feet tall measured from the top of the root ball, excluding the leader;
- The City Administrator will review and approve the choice of replacement tree;
- The replacement tree must be planted within 6 months of the permit approval; and
- The replacement tree must be planted to insure that it grows to maturity. The City Administrator will inspect the replacement tree at 6 months and 2 years to determine if it growing well. If the replacement tree does not pass inspection, the applicant will be required to replace it.

OR

Option 2. Pay a \$250 fee per tree to the City.

- The fee must be paid before you can cut down your tree.

Once a tree removal is approved, the applicant must designate mitigation option.

Date: _____ Permit #: _____ Mitigation Required: _____

I choose the following option to mitigate for my tree removal:

Option 1. Replace a tree on my property within 6 months of today. _____

OR

Option 2. Pay the fee of \$250 per tree before I cut down my tree. _____