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## Notice to Applicant When Selecting the Permit Type

Please make your selection mindfully. All permits can be processed with the initial application fee if the tree obviously fits into those categories or there is a certified arborist report or the listed conditions are met. If you select a Type A or B permit without an arborist report and the City Administrator cannot determine readily that the tree fits into those permit types, then the applicant will be required to provide additional information, pay a \$25.00 re-application fee, and make a presentation to the Planning Commission under a Type 2 process.

Per Durham Development Code:

**5.4 Application Types on Developed Residential Lots.** An applicant seeking to Cut a tree or trees on a developed lot shall apply separately for each tree to be Cut under one of the following applications types:

**5.4.1 Type “A” Permit.** Trees that are dead or diseased shall be reviewed and approved under a Type 1 process. In instances when it cannot be determined readily that a tree is diseased beyond recovery, or that measures cannot be taken to restore the tree’s health, *approval may be conditioned on an evaluation by a certified arborist or presented to the Planning Commission upon payment of the re-application fee.* For an approved Type “A” permit no mitigation is required.

**5.4.2 Type “B” Permit.** Trees that are dangerous or potentially destructive to public or private property may be approved by a Type 1 process. *When it cannot be determined readily that a tree poses a potential for being dangerous or destructive, approval may be conditioned upon evaluation by a certified arborist or presented to the Planning Commission upon payment of the re-application fee.* For an approved Type “B” permit no mitigation is required.

**5.4.3 Type “C” Permit.** Trees required to be removed for the purpose of enlarging the footprint of a structure, adding a deck, patio, or other building structure on an already improved lot may be approved by a Type 1 process. For removal of any tree over 10” DBH, not otherwise exempted in this Chapter, mitigation shall be provided as set forth in Section 5.8. *A Type “C” permit will only be issued subsequent to the approved building permit.*

**5.4.4 Type “D” Permit.** A tree less than 5” DBH does not require a permit for removal. A tree between 5” and 10” DBH not permitted for removal under any other permit type may be removed at the discretion of a property owner under a Type 1 process. Approval shall be conditioned upon confirmation that the tree to be removed does not exceed the maximum DBH. No more than one tree shall be permitted for removal under a type “D” permit in any 24-month period. No mitigation shall be required.

**5.4.5 Type “E” Permit.** Trees measuring 10” DBH or greater and not eligible for any other permit type, including Type “D,” shall be subject to permitting with **Planning Commission approval under a Type 2 process.** For an approved Type “E” Permit mitigation shall be provided as set forth in Section 5.5. Under certain circumstances, the Planning Commission may require mitigation exceeding that required in Section 5.5, but not less. *(Note: This permit type does not require a re-application fee if it is selected with the initial application. However, additional information will be required for the Type 2 process to be held.)*