

GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Application for Authorization for Permit Issuance for Private
Contractor Pruning* of Right of Way Trees
(This is not a permit)**

With regard to trees located on the Public Right of Way, the City will trim at its expense, or it may approve of the trimming of trees by privately contracted qualified contractors. Under no circumstances is the trimming of trees on the Public Right of Way in the City of Coral Gables by private contractors or residents permitted without a properly executed permit. Issuance of this permit must be authorized by the Coral Gables City Manager and the Greenspace Management Division, Assistant Public Works Director. (Article I, Sec. 82-1, Coral Gables City Code).

Approval of this application is a precursor to issuance of a Public Works Department Permit for tree trimming work on the Public Right of Way. If approved, a copy of this application shall be made part of the actual permit as issued by Public Works and must be posted along with the permit.

Application Process

Application specifications will be reviewed and preliminarily approved by the Assistant Public Works Director-Greenspace and must further be signed by the Coral Gables Public Works Director (as specifically required and as administratively authorized signatory for the City Manager). Applications must be submitted to the Greenspace Management Division a minimum of 10 workdays (M-F) prior to intended work date. Only work explicitly authorized herein shall be eligible for issuance of the required permit by the Public Works Department as related to tree trimming (or removal*).

Permits

Permits for tree trimming shall only be issued to licensed tree trimming companies. Work may only be performed by or be directly supervised by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist.

*Removal and/or relocation of trees from the Public Right of Way must be authorized by a separate tree removal permit in accordance with Chapter 82 Article II of the Coral Gables City Code.

Failure

Failure to adhere to the specifications below will be grounds for disbarment from access to future permits and may further constitute a violation of Chapter 82 of the Coral Gables City Code. Said violations carry a fine of up to \$500.00 per day.

Contact Information

Job Site

Address: _____ Date: _____
 Residential Commercial Other (Specify) _____

Property Owner

Name: _____ Signature: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Contractor

Name: _____ Signature: _____
Business Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Certifications

Name of tree trimmer or supervisor _____ ISA Number _____
Provide a copy of current certification document.
Miami-Dade County Occupational License Number _____
Miami-Dade County Certificate of Competency Number _____

Description of Work to be Performed

Dates work is to be performed (must be a non-holiday, weekday)

Has the tree been previously trimmed by Applicant Contractor?

Yes No, If yes, when _____

All work authorized for permitting is described and specifically authorized or limited below. In no case, however, shall pruning work violate the standards set forth in the American National Standards Institutes publication ANSI A300 (Part 1)-2001 Pruning, Tree Care Operations – Tree, Shrub, and other Woody Plant Maintenance – Standard Practices (Pruning), and ANSI Z133.1 – 2000 Pruning, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush – Safety Requirements or the latest versions of same.

Trees to be Trimmed

Specify the scientific and common name of trees to be trimmed (key tree number to diagram).

- Tree #1. _____
- Tree #2. _____
- Tree #3. _____
- Tree #4. _____
- Tree #5. _____
- Tree #6. _____
- Tree #7. _____
- Tree #8. _____
- Tree #9. _____

Others - add page if necessary

Those seeking permission to prune trees on the City Right of Way may request to do so **only** in the following categories with the following restrictions. Check the appropriate boxes and further explain work to be performed (refer to ANSI A300 (Part 1) -2001, pruning standard, for definitions and pruning practices):

Clean dead, diseased, and or broken branches from the tree canopy.
Specify if wood exceeding 2 inches in diameter is to be removed and if so where in the canopy it exists.

Approved Denied

Raise low limbs of a diameter of less than 2 inches that impede pedestrian and/or vehicular movement or traffic signage visibility.
Ground clearances may not exceed the minimum necessary to accomplish the goal. Removal of limbs for this purpose that are greater than 2” in diameter is prohibited.
Describe work to raise low limbs.

Approved Denied

- Thin** a maximum of 25% of the canopy foliage.
Such thinning shall be evenly distributed throughout the perimeter of the canopy with no cuts exceeding 2 inches in diameter. Successive year thinning will not be permitted. No "Lion's Tailing" is permitted. Interior foliage bearing branches shall be retained.
Describe canopy to be thinned.
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Approved Denied

- Reduction Pruning** is generally not permitted; however, reduction of selected branches may be permitted on a branch-by-branch basis.
No cuts may exceed 2 inches in diameter. Generally, overall canopy reduction is not permitted.
Specify the location of canopy reduction and reason for reduction.
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Approved Denied

- Successive year reduction cuts will not be permitted on the same limb.
- Under no circumstances shall more than 25 % of the leaf surface be removed from any branch or limb.
- Topping of trees is prohibited.

- Heading Cuts** are generally not permitted; however, heading of selected branches may be permitted on a branch-by-branch basis.
- Specify the location in the canopy, the intended result of the action and the diameter of the cut that would result from the proposed heading cut.
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Approved Denied

- Specify the reason for heading.
- Topping of trees is prohibited.

