



# BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

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## STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION

### Guidelines

Pursuant to Chapter 181 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, a permit is required for any person to prune and/or remove any living tree under the jurisdiction of the Shade Tree Commission. Generally, these trees are considered "protected street trees," that is, a tree located within the public right-of-way. The purpose of this Ordinance, adopted by the Mayor and Council in 1966, is to protect the tree canopy, which is identified as one of the defining characteristics of the Borough of Metuchen.

Any person must request permission to remove such tree(s) and related stump(s) at their own expense and liability. Before this permit is approved, a representative of the Borough will inspect the tree(s) in question. In certain cases, particularly where there is development being proposed, tree replacement and/or a contribution to the Shade Tree Commission may be required pursuant with the Code of the Borough of Metuchen. There is no fee for submitting this application. Any person who fails to obtain a permit, thereby violating the applicable Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article 1.

### 1. Location:

Street Address	.....	Block	.....	Lot	.....
Property Owner	.....	Phone	.....		
Mailing Address	.....	Email	.....		
Tree Company	.....	Phone	.....		
Mailing Address	.....	Email	.....		

### 2. Type of Request:

Prune tree(s) at property owner's sole expense       Remove tree(s) at property owner's sole expense

Number of trees to be pruned/removed: .....

Reason for tree(s) to be pruned/removed: .....

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PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHS & A SURVEY OR LEGIBLE SKETCH OF PROPERTY INDICATING TREE(S) TO BE PRUNED/REMOVED; MARK TREE(S) WITH RIBBON OR TAPE.

### 3. Provide a brief description of the tree(s) proposed for pruning/removal, including common name, health & caliper:

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### 4. Property Owner's Verification:

BY SUBMISSION OF THE WITHIN APPLICATION, THE PROPERTY OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS, FROM ANY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE PRUNING AND/OR REMOVAL OF SAID TREES.

Signature ..... Date .....

### Municipal Use

Approved     Denied      Permit# ..... Date .....

Reviewed by: ..... Zoning Official      Date .....

Reviewed by: ..... Director, Department of Public Works      Date .....

This permit is valid for two (2) years from the date of approval