



SHORELAND ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

Date Received: _____

Hazardous Tree Removal

I. **Location:** _____
Number Street Tax Map Lot #

II. **Property Owner:** _____ (_____)
Applicants Name Phone

Number Street City / Town State Zip Code

Signature of Applicant Date

III. **Arborist:** _____ (_____)
Applicants Name Phone

Number Street City / Town State Zip Code

Signature Date

Exert from the Town of Vassalboro Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

Q. Hazard Trees, Storm-Damaged Trees, and Dead Tree Removal

(1) Hazard trees in the shoreland zone may be removed after consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer if the following requirements are met:

a.) Within the shoreline buffer:

Will the removal of the hazard trees create a cleared opening in the tree canopy greater than 250 square feet? ____ Yes, ____ No

If yes, replacement with native tree species is required, unless there is new tree growth already present.

New tree growth must be as near as practicable to where the hazard tree/s were removed and be at least two (2) inches in diameter, measured at four and one half (4.5) feet above the ground level.

If new tree growth is not present, then replacement trees shall consist of native species and be at least four (4) feet in height, and be no less than two (2) inches in diameter.

Is new tree growth present? ____ Yes ____ No

If no new tree growth is present are replacement trees included in your contract? ____ Yes ____ No

If no new tree growth is present and replacement trees are not in the Arborist's contract no authorization shall be issued by the Town CEO.

Stumps may not be removed.

b.) Outside of the shoreline buffer:

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Will the removal of hazard trees exceed forty (40) percent of the volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter, measured at four and one half (4.5) feet above ground level in any ten (10) year period?

☐ Yes, ☐ No

Will the removal of hazard trees result in cleared openings exceeding twenty-five (25) percent of the lot area within the shoreland zone?

☐ Yes, ☐ No

Will the removal of hazard trees result in a cleared opening of ten thousand (10,000) square feet?

☐ Yes, ☐ No

If Yes to any of the above: replacement with native tree species is required, unless there is new tree growth already present.

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If new growth is not present, then replacement trees shall consist of native species and be at least two (2) inches in diameter, measured at four and one half (4.5) feet above the ground level.

Is new tree growth present? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no new tree growth is present are replacement trees included in your contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no new tree growth is present and replacement trees are not in the Arborist's contract no authorization shall be issued by the Town CEO.

c.) Will the removal of standing dead trees resulting from natural causes shall not result in the creation of new lawn area or other permanently cleared areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For the purposes of this provision dead trees are those trees that contain no foliage during the growing season.

Stumps may not be removed.

d.) An evaluation from a licensed forester or arborist shall be submitted prior to any hazard tree removal in the shoreland zone. ☐ Provided ☐ Not Provided

e.) The removal of trees that exceed eight (8) inches in diameter measured at four and one half (4.5) feet above the ground level shall be replaced on a two (2) to one (1) basis.