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Minor Land Clearing Permit Application

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** FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY **			
Application No.	_____ -LC- _____	Date Received:	_____
FEE:	<u>\$100.00</u>	Receipt:	_____
FLUM Designation:	_____	Zoning District:	_____

**Property
Owner**

Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Applicant

Check here and skip this section if the Applicant is the Property Owner. Otherwise, complete this section and provide appropriate authorization from the Property Owner giving the Applicant the authority to pursue development approval (i.e. power of attorney, sales contract, etc.).

Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Contractor
(if available
and not the
applicant)

Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

**Project
Information**

Parcel ID Number(s): _____

Total Property Area (acres): _____ Area to be Cleared (acres): _____

Scope of Work (attach additional pages if needed or note on the plan): _____

Acknowledgment and Authorization

By my signature hereto, I acknowledge that deliberate misrepresentation of information related to this application will be grounds for denial, reversal or revocation of any approval of this application. I do hereby authorize County staff to enter upon my property at any reasonable time for purposes of site inspection.

Applicant Name & Title (Type or Print) Applicant Signature Date ____/____/____

Tree Protection Acknowledgement

I hereby affirm that no protected trees will be removed as part of this minor land clearing activity.

Property Owner Name (Type or Print) Property Owner Signature Date ____/____/____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out the application completely and submit with two (2) copies of a site plan, or sketch, indicating the scope of work and area of the property to be cleared.

This application is used to obtain a minor land clearing permit. Minor land clearing is any activity that removes vegetative ground cover without disturbing the soil and without the removal of protected trees.

A minor land clearing permit is not required for the following:

- Agriculture or silviculture activity in an agriculture zoning district;
- Lots or parcels of land for the construction of one single family or duplex structure;
- Property maintenance activity such as bush hogging, mowing or tree trimming.

INFORMATION REQUIRED ON THE SITE PLAN OR SKETCH:

A site plan, or sketch, must include the following information.

1. Sketch (or survey) of the property boundary, with dimensions, and location of existing improvements.
2. Size of the property, shown in square feet and/or acres.
3. Graphical indication of the area to be cleared and areas to remain undisturbed.
4. Type and location of erosion control measures.

CODE REQUIREMENTS :

1. All Land Clearing

- a) The removal of protected trees is not allowed. (LDC Section 7.01.07.A.2)
- b) All vegetation including non-protected trees must remain if located within five (5) feet of a common boundary of an incompatible land use. (LDC Section 7.01.07.A.3)
- c) Adequate erosion control is required. (LDC Section 7.01.07.A.4)

2. Waterfront Lots within Shoreline Protection Zones

- a) Vegetation that is five (5) inches or smaller in diameter may be removed within the Shoreline Protection Zones for residential development. The site plan should include the current mean high water line. (LDC Section 12.01.00.C.2)
- b) The development shall leave a minimum of 25 percent (25%) of the site as trees, shrubs, or other natural vegetation undisturbed or replace existing trees at a minimum ratio of 2:1. Demonstrate existing conditions and proposed conditions on the site plan. (LDC Section 12.01.02.C)

3. Canal-Front Lots

The property may not be cleared closer than twenty (20) feet landward of the mean high water line unless a retaining wall is installed. The site plan should include the mean high water line. (Reference LDC Section 6.03.05.G)

List of Protected Trees

1. Small Trees at a diameter of four (4) inches and greater at four and a half (4 ½) feet above grade:

Common Name	Genus/Species
1. Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus Florida</i>
2. Loblolly Bay	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>
3. Atlantic White Cedar	<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>

2. Large Trees at a diameter of eight (8) inches and greater at four and a half (4½) feet above grade:

Common Name	Genus/Species
1. Hickory	<i>Carya sp</i>
2. American Beech	<i>Fagus grandiflora</i>
3. Holly	<i>Ilex sp</i>
4. Southern Magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>
5. Black Tupelo Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
6. Tupelo Gum (Water Gum)	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>
7. White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>
8. Swamp Chestnut Oak	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>
9. Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>
10. Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
11. Pond Cypress	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>
12. Sweet Gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
13. Sand Live Oak	<i>Quercus geminata</i>
14. Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperous virginiana</i>
15. Southern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperous solificola</i>

3. Heritage Tree: A living tree of special protected status, 60 inches in diameter or greater at four and one half (4 1/2) feet above grade.
4. Champion Tree: A living tree measured to be the largest specimen of its species in the state as recorded in the champion tree registry of the University of Florida and the Division of Forestry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
5. Bagdad Historic Overlay District: Any tree with a caliper of four (4) inches or more measured at three (3) feet above grade.