Permit #_____ Bl.___ Lot____ Distribution of Approved Permit
Submission Date:_____ Applicant
Approval Date:_____ Zoning Officer
Denial Date: _____ Environmental Commission
Fee Paid: _____ _____ _____
(amt) (date) (ck. no.)

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR TREE REMOVAL

The Borough of High Bridge has found that the indiscriminate, uncontrolled and excess destruction, removal and cutting of trees upon lots and tracts of land, particularly on steep slopes and along stream corridors, within the Borough has resulted in increased municipal costs to control drainage and road repairs and has further caused increased soil erosion, decreased fertility of soils and increased dust, which has caused deterioration of property values. This has further rendered land unfit and unsuitable for its most appropriate use, with the result that there has been deterioration or will result in a future deterioration of the health, safety and general well-being of the inhabitants of the Borough of High Bridge and has caused the passage of this ordinance to regulate and control the indiscriminate and excessive cutting of trees in the Borough. The removal, destruction or harvesting of any six (6") inch or greater caliper tree is regulated pursuant to Chapter 23, Tree Protection, of the Code of the Borough of High Bridge.

(Sections 1 through 8 to be filled out by applicant)

1. Property Owner:

_____ _____
(name) (phone no.)

_____
(email address)

_____
(address)

*If applicant is other than the Property Owner, a written approval from the Property Owner or a duly authorized agent must accompany the application.

2. Location of property where work will be performed:

Block:_____ Lot:_____ _____
(street address)

3. Identify Contractor (if proposed):

_____ _____
(name) (phone number)

_____
(address)

PLEASE PROVIDE PICTURES OF THE TREES WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR FASTER PROCESSING

4. Is the proposed tree removal part of a development application for which approval from the High Bridge Planning Board or Board of Adjustment has been obtained? Yes /No (circle one)
   If so, please give the application number:_____

5. Please check below the reason(s) for removal of the listed trees (check all that apply):

_____ A. Clearance for proposed road or approved driveway right-of-way.

_____ B. Clearance for construction of a residence, an addition or other primary building including a twenty-five (25) foot wide area surrounding such buildings.

_____ C. Clearance for the construction of septic systems, sewer plants, and other utilities that have been approved by the County Health Dept., Health Officer or the Borough Engineer. (Attach copy of approval)

_____ D. Implementation of approved Woodland Management Plan. (Attach copy of plan)

_____ E. Clearance of dead, dying, or diseased/infested tree.

_____ F. Removal of a tree, on a developed lot or public right-of-way, that is likely to endanger the residents, the public or an adjoining property.

_____G. Plant a garden, put in a pool, build a deck or patio.

_____ H. Other (please describe) _____
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_____
_____

6. Trees to be removed should be listed in the table in Item 8. Trees were measured and identified by (check one):

_____ Property Owner/Resident _____Developer
_____ Tree Expert _____Surveyor

7. Describe the proposed method of disposal of wood, brush, and stumps_____
_____
_____
_____

8. Description of trees to be removed:

Attach site plan (see page 5 of application). Locate trees and identify with corresponding number from following table. Trees must be marked in the field with **RED** flagging prior to inspection by the Zoning Officer. In addition, for new construction, the outline of the foundation must be marked in the field.

No.	Diameter (inches) (see *note)	Species	Distance from house/structure (feet)	Reason for removal (see + note)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				
16.				

If needed, attach additional sheets listing same information and continue numbering.
NOTES:

* Measure circumference (distance around tree) in inches at 4 ½ feet above the ground. Diameter = circumference (distance around tree) divided by 3.14.
+ Identify reason using corresponding letter (A,B,C,D,E,F, G or H) from Item 5.

(Sections A through D to be completed by Zoning Officer)

A. FEE DETERMINATION:

No. of Trees	Fee	Fee Required
#dead/dying	No fee	
Trees within 20 feet of structure	No fee	
1-2 Trees Free per calendar year.		
3-5	$30	_____
6-15	$300	_____
16-50	$1000	_____
51-100	$3000	_____
100-200	$5000	_____
+100	@$2000	_____

Total Fee Required _____

B. PERMIT APPROVAL: Applies to Trees Numbered:_____

This Permit shall remain valid for the period of time required to complete the tree removal(s) and subsequent landscaping and tree replacement work.

_____ _____
(Zoning Officer) (Date)

C. PERMIT DENIAL: Applies to Trees Numbered:_____

This application does not meet the requirements of the Tree Protection Ordinance and therefore is denied for the following reason: _____
_____
_____

D. APPROVAL OF COMPLETED WORK
The Construction Code Official shall not issue a Certificate of Occupancy until all the conditions of the Tree Ordinance have been met.

I hereby certify that I have inspected the completed work and further certify that the work performed substantially complies with the conditions of the Tree Ordinance.

_____ _____
(Zoning Officer) (Date)

E. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES
1. Any violation of any provision of the Tree Ordinance shall be considered an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed $1000 for each offense or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days or both.
2. Any person violating the Tree Ordinance shall be required to replace each tree destroyed or removed with nursery grown trees of the same or similar species having a caliper of not less than two inches (in accordance with Chapter 23.18.B).
3. Each tree remove in violation of the Tree Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.
4. Presumptions. In any prosecution for failure to secure a permit prior to removal, the following shall apply: The diameter of the stump of a removed tree shall be rebuttably presumed to be the diameter of the removed tree at a point four and a half (4 1/2) feet above ground. If the stump of a removed tree has been removed or destroyed, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the tree exceeded the minimum standards requiring a permit be secured.

(To be completed by applicant)

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
CHECKLIST FOR TREE REMOVAL APPLICATIONS

_____ Application Fee

_____ One copy of completed application

_____ Drawing indicating the location of each tree to be removed.

_____Scale of not less than 1 inch = 30 feet

_____North arrow

_____All streams

_____All wetlands*

_____All slopes greater than fifteen percent (15%)*

_____Location of the primary residence construction envelope (limit of foundation plus twenty-five (25) feet)*

_____Location(s) of all existing and proposed: principal building(s), accessory building(s), septic systems, wells, roads, driveways, parking lots, and other structures or imperious surface areas

_____Proposed final grading*

_____Location(s) of each tree to be removed using the numbers in Item 8 of the application

_____Name and address of property owner

_____Street location and Block and Lot in the title block on survey.

_____An approval Block near the title block on survey.

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* Required for new construction only.

Approved by:_____ _____
(Zoning Officer) (Date)