

*Borough of Park Ridge, NJ
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Chapter 80. Property Maintenance

Article IX. Tree Removal

[Added 3-27-2018 by Ord. No. 2018-004]

§ 80-38. Definitions.

The words and phrases used in this article will have the following meanings:

CLEAR-CUTTING

The removal in any calendar year of more than four trees or 25% of the trees on any lot in the Borough as depicted on the Borough's tax map or on or in any approved subdivision plat or deed, whichever lot is smaller in size, not on any Borough right-of-way.

PERSON

Any individual, sole proprietor, corporation, partnership, limited-liability company, or any other business.

TREE

Any living woody perennial plant with a trunk having a diameter of at least eight inches when measured at a point that is four feet six inches above the level of the existing grade, or, for a multiple-trunked tree, with the trunk with the largest diameter that, when multiplied by 1.5, is at least eight inches.

§ 80-39. Clear-cutting prohibited.

No person may clear-cut any lot in the Borough without obtaining a permit from the Borough.

§ 80-40. Application for clear-cutting permit.

[Amended 8-11-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-010]

Applications for permission to clear-cut a lot are to be filed with the Zoning Office and will state the information requested on the application, including:

- A. The applicant's name, address, and telephone number.
- B. The address, block and lot number, and location of the property.
- C. A site plan or survey of the property showing the location of the trees proposed to be cut.
- D. The applicant also will use visible weatherproof markings on the trees proposed to be cut, provided that no paint or chemicals that are harmful to the trees are used.
- E. An application fee in the amount of \$50 to be paid upon the filing of an application under this article.

§ 80-41. Review of applications.

The Zoning Officer will grant or deny any application filed under this article within 30 days of the receipt of the application and fee, unless the applicant consents to an extension. If no action is taken by the Zoning Officer within this time period, then the application will be deemed denied. Any application for clear cutting will be reviewed by the Zoning Officer and will be granted or denied on written notice sent to the applicant at the address stated in the application. The Zoning Officer may request comment on the application from the other Borough employees, Construction Official, Green Team, Shade Tree Committee, Borough Planner, and/or Borough Engineer.

§ 80-42. Enforcement and penalties.

The Borough's Zoning Officer will enforce this article. For violation of this article, there shall be a fine of \$250. Each tree that is cut in violation of this article shall be a considered a separate violation. In addition to fines, the Zoning Officer may require implementation of any remedial measures recommended by the Borough Engineer and/or Borough Planner to correct the violations of this article.