



FOREST MANAGEMENT PERMIT

Legal Description: Lot _____, Subdivision _____
Street Address _____

Name of Applicant _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

Provide a brief Statement describing the scope of your request and check the appropriate section(s) below corresponding to your request:

Attach a simple site map or sketch indicating the approximate location of each tree to be removed relative to the structure(s) and the property lines.

All trees to be removed must be tagged with flagging prior to inspection.

Upon payment of the permit fee, completion of this permit application and an inspection of the property and flagged trees, this permit application will be approved as a permit or disapproved by the designated representative of the Blue River Board of Trustees.

Land Occupancy - Actual land occupied for buildings, plus a space adjacent to the perimeter thereof, comprised of three (3) zones. Zone 1 is the area extending thirty (30) feet from the outside combustible plane of a structure, including decks, porches and other attached components of the structure. Zone 2 is the area extending from the outside perimeter of Zone 1 for a distance calculated using the scale in Figure 7-3. Zone 3 is the balance of the property area extending from the edge of Zone 2 to the property boundaries. Trees may be thinned to a spacing as calculated from the table in Figure 7-4. Removal of trees from Zone 1, Zone 2 or Zone 3 is permitted only pursuant to the determination by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative that such removal is consistent with the policy of this Article and the issuance of a permit.

Residential lots and off-street parking. On residential lots, trees may be removed, pursuant to the determination by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative that such removal is consistent with the policy of this Article and the issuance of a permit, for one (1) entrance driveway. The total width of the area from which trees can be removed for a driveway, including any snow storage area, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet, and an off-street parking area not more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) the size of the total floor area of the principal building on each lot.

___ **Recreational Areas:** Trees may be removed to create a recreational area not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total area of the lot pursuant to the determination by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative that such removal is consistent with the policy of this Article and the issuance of a permit.

___ **Landscaping** If the owner of a lot provides evidence to the Board of Trustees or its designated representative of the necessity for removal of trees for reasons other than set forth hereinabove, including but not limited to landscaping, thinning and wildfire mitigation, trees may be removed for reasons approved by the Board of Trustees.

___ **Other Tree Removal:** Diseased or dead trees, trees damaged by natural causes, trees designated for removal described in a forest management plan and trees which interfere with utility lines may be removed pursuant to the determination by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative that such removal is consistent with the policy of this Article and issuance of a permit. (Prior code 3-9-3; Ord. 06-01 §1, 2006; Ord. 08-02 §2, 2008; Ord. 09-07 §§1, 2, 2009). ___ **New Construction/Modification** Any building or other structure for which a certificate of occupancy was issued after the effective date of the ordinance codified herein shall conform with the requirements of Paragraph 7-5-130(1) above, including creation of a Zone 1, a Zone 2 and a Zone 3, except as modified by permit issued by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative. Any modifications shall be based upon the topography of the lot, its proximity to wildland, tree density, surrounding conditions and similar considerations. (Prior code 3-9-4; Ord. 06-01 §1, 2006; Ord. 08-02 §3, 2008)

___ **Defensible space regulation (new construction)**

(1) Within Zone 1, all trees and shrubs located within thirty (30) feet of a building or other structure shall be removed, except that a tree or shrub may remain within the aforesaid thirty (30) feet of space, provided that the defensible space distance is measured from the tree's drip edge rather than the building plane (so that the tree is considered a part of or an extension of the structure), and provided that the defensible space distance is not limited by a property line.

(2) Within Zone 2 and Zone 3, trees and shrubs over five (5) feet tall shall have an average crown spacing from tree to tree as calculated using table in Figure 7-4. However, groupings of trees are allowed, provided that all of the crowns in each group of trees are at least ten (10) feet from any structure, and provided that the overall average tree spacing within the defensible space is no less than a distance calculated using the table in Figure 7-4, except that:

a. Aspen, narrow leaf cottonwoods, willows and other shrubs listed in Colorado State University publication 6.305, "Firewise Plant Materials," may be closer than ten (10) feet from a structure if allowed by permit issued by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative; and

b. Closer spacing of any trees may be allowed by permit issued by the Board of Trustees or its designated representative upon determination that a ten-foot average spacing would put the remaining trees at undue risk of wind throw or snow breakage.

(3) Trees remaining within Zone 2 and Zone 3 shall have their branches pruned to a height of fifteen (15) feet but not more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the tree's height, except:

a. Aspen trees; and

b. Isolated spruce and fir trees that are at least ten (10) feet from any structure, measured from the tree's drip edge. (Prior code 3-9-6; Ord. 06-01 §1, 2006; Ord. 08-02 §4, 2008)

All trees which are cut, together with all debris caused by the cutting of the trees, must be removed from each lot to some point outside the Town of Blue River.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____