

## Shore Pine Removal Application

The City of Long Beach will allow removal of shore pines on City property with City Council approval on a case by case basis. Attached is an agreement that must be completed by the property owners and submitted for approval to the City of Long Beach. In addition to the attached agreement, the request must include a map of the area showing the trees to be removed. Please note that the City's intent is to allow removal of trees immediately to the west of the applicant's property. Applications must be submitted two weeks prior to the City Council meeting. The City Council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

The approval process is as follows:

1. Applicant signs the hold-harmless agreement and submits request permission for tree removal on city property which includes a narrative description of the methods to be used to remove the trees two weeks prior to City Council meeting.
2. Staff would review the request and make a recommendation to the City Council.
3. The City Council reviews and approves, approves with modifications, or disapproves the request.
4. If approved, the applicant and/or their agent could then remove the trees in the wetlands by a non-mechanized method and could remove upland trees and stumps with a mechanized method. All trees felled within wetlands would be required to be removed as described above.
5. During removal process, the city staff would conduct periodic inspections to ensure that the appropriate method was being implemented to clear the trees. The applicant would be required to replace any trees removed without permission with a tree of the same size and type.

The following information is provided as a courtesy and would be applicable for private property and City owned property:

According to both the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the US Army Corps of Engineers, removal of any trees within wetlands can only be conducted by manual removal methods and the trees themselves and any debris from the tree removal activity are required to be removed from the wetlands after cutting. Manual removal methods include cutting the shore pine and other trees with an axe, handsaw, chainsaw, or other approved method. Utilizing mechanized devices such as a backhoe loader, feller buncher, trackloader, etc. to remove trees located within wetland areas would disturb the soil to push dirt or other ground material into the wetland. The soil material deposited within the wetland would be considered fill material by the US Army Corps of Engineers and Washington State Department of Ecology and would require permitting and mitigation. Additionally, to remove the tree stumps after cutting the trees, permits would be required from the US Army Corps of Engineers and Washington State Department of Ecology. Mechanized methods can be used to remove trees and stumps on the upland or non-wetland areas as well as to drag felled trees from the wetland to the upland area by a rope, chain or other non-invasive method.

**SHORE PINE TREE REMOVAL REQUEST**

Applicant(s):

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Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the trees to be removed and the method(s) proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach a drawing showing the proposal including identification of any trees to be retained on the property

**SHORE PINE TREE REMOVAL AGREEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_, permittee, is hereby authorized to cut shore pine trees on that certain property owned by the City of Long Beach and described as follows:

It is understood by permittee that the City does not warrant or guarantee or otherwise represent that the tree cutting performed

- 1.) It is lawful under the laws of the United States, the State of Washington or any other governmental entity;
- 2.) Is performed on the property owned by the City of Long Beach;
- 3.) Does not violate any existing and lawful private covenants;
- 4.) Or can be done safely.

Permittee hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Long Beach Harmless from any claim made by any third party against the City for any reason related to this agreement or any activity done pursuant or in relation to this agreement.

FURTHERMORE Permittee agrees that this agreement to indemnify includes all costs associated with the investigation of and response to any claims including reasonable attorney fees.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the City of Long Beach on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gene Miles  
City Administrator

Staff Review and Recommendations

Applicants:

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Fire Department:

I have reviewed the attached request to remove shore pines and recommend the City Council approve/disapprove/approve with the following conditions:

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For the Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature/name/title)

Parks Department:

I have reviewed the attached request to remove shore pines and recommend the City Council approve/disapprove/approve with the following conditions:

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For the Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature/name/title)