

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION



<i>FOR STAFF USE ONLY</i>		
Date Received: _____	Date Approved: _____	
Date Fee Paid: _____	Permit #: _____	
Amount Paid: \$ _____	Cash/Check#: _____	Initial: _____
Replacement Deadline: _____		

Instructions:

1. Please submit the following information to the Building Department with a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the **Town of Crested Butte**.
2. Attach a sketch of the property (google earth or similar aerial image ok) to include:
 - a. Property boundaries.
 - b. Locations of buildings, proposed buildings, driveways, and parking areas.
 - c. Locations of all trees 4 inches or more in diameter measured 2 feet above grade.
 - d. Identify all trees to be removed by a circle with an x through it. (⊗)
 - e. Identify location(s) of replacement trees by a triangle. (△)
3. Read excerpts of Crested Butte Town Code Article 15 Sec. 16-15-10 et. seq. provided on reverse or visit www.townofcrestedbutte.com for access to the entire Article.

Applicant/Owner Information:

APPLICANT NAME:	MAILING ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:
STREET ADDRESS:	EMAIL ADDRESS:	CELL PHONE NUMBER:
PROPERTY OWNER NAME:	MAILING ADDRESS:	PHONE NUMBER:

Tree Removal Information:

LOT NUMBER(S):	BLOCK NUMBER:	SITE ADDRESS:
SPECIES OF TREE(S):	NUMBER OF TREES >4" DIA. REMOVED:	TRUNK DIAMETER(S):

Reason for Removal:

Replacement Plan:

Please specify the quantity, species, and diameter measured 2' above root ball of trees to be planted.

TREE SPECIES:	DIAMETER:	QUANTITY:
Aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>) – multi-stem not recommended		
Colorado Blue Spruce (<i>Picea pungens</i>)		
Colorado Green Spruce (<i>Picea pungens</i> ‘Green’)		
Hoopsi Blue Spruce (<i>Picea pungens</i> ‘Hoopsi’)		
Engleman Spruce (<i>Picea engelmannii</i>)		
Lodgepole Pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i>)		
Bristlecone Pine (<i>Pinus longaeva</i>)		
Limber Pine (<i>Pinus flexilis</i>)		
Shubert Chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i> “Schubert”)		

I hereby certify that I have read and examined the application and that all information is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

SIGNATURE OF OWNER DATE

Updated 03/08/18

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Excerpts from Crested Butte Town Code Article 15 – Landscaping

Sec. 16-15-20. - Intent.

The intent of this Article is to maintain the maximum number of trees and the maximum diversity of tree types in the Town, and to encourage maintenance, instead of removal, of large trees.

Sec. 16-15-40. - Trees on public property.

No person, other than a Town employee under the direction of the Building Official, shall cut, trim or remove trees situated upon Town property, streets, or other public rights-of-way.

Sec. 16-15-50. - Removal of trees; permit required.

(a) No person, without first obtaining a permit to do so as herein provided, shall remove, cause to be removed or effectively remove through damaging any tree with a trunk diameter of four (4) inches or more, said diameter being measured two (2) feet above grade.

(d) After the application is filed, the Building Official and Director of Parks and Recreation shall review the application (and site plan if required) and determine what effect the intended removal of trees will have upon the natural resources of the area. More specifically, they shall consider the following factors in determining whether a permit shall be granted or denied:

1. Whether it is necessary to remove the trees to minimize flood hazard or other natural hazards.
2. Whether retention of the trees substantially contributes to preventing soil erosion or the runoff of water or otherwise protecting the watershed.
3. Whether the removal of the trees will cause wind erosion or otherwise adversely affect air quality.
4. The condition of the trees with respect to disease, danger of falling, and interference with utility services.
5. The number and kind of trees in the immediate neighborhood, the contribution of the trees to the natural beauty of the area, and the effect of removal upon property values in the area.
6. The necessity to remove trees in order to construct proposed improvements to allow legally required economic enjoyment of the property.
7. The implementation of good forestry practices, including consideration of the number of healthy trees that the subject site upon which such tree is growing will support.

Sec. 16-15-60. - Maintenance of trees.

- (a) Within residential zone districts, unless necessary to allow legally required economic enjoyment of the property, all trees at least five (5) feet in height shall remain in the front yard setback, whether the subject setback is ten (10) feet or twenty (20) feet. When such setback is "any distance conditionally approved," all such trees shall remain in the ten (10) feet closest to the street, whether or not in the setback.
- (b) In the business zone districts, unless necessary to allow legally required economic enjoyment of the property, all trees of any size shall remain in the front yard setback.
- (c) Where construction of structures or improvements on any property necessitates the removal of any tree four (4) inches or larger in diameter measured two (2) feet above grade in order to allow legally required economic enjoyment of the property, the Building Official may, as a condition for the approval for removal, require that the owner either relocate or replace the tree with a comparable substitute elsewhere within the building site. *Comparable substitute* is defined as a tree totaling the diameter of the tree removed, with no replacement tree being less than two (2) inches in diameter measured two (2) feet above grade.
- (d) In the business zone districts, if any tree or aggregate of trees located within the building site, other than in the front yard setback, totaling at least twelve (12) inches in diameter measured two (2) feet above grade are preserved, upon approval of the Board, one (1) required parking space will not have to be provided. Trees having a diameter of less than two (2) inches measured two (2) feet above grade shall not be included in the above computation.

Sec. 16-15-70. - Preservation during construction.

No person shall, while constructing any structure or other improvement, place material, machinery, or temporary soil deposits within two (2) feet of any tree having a four-inch or larger diameter measured two (2) feet above grade. During construction, the Building Official may require the erection of suitable barriers around trees to be preserved, as necessary. In addition, during construction, no attachments or wires other than protective guy wires shall be attached to any such trees.

Sec. 16-15-80. - Relocation or removal of trees.

- (a) All trees planted or relocated shall be maintained in a living condition, and any tree not in a living condition shall be replaced to the original specifications during the next available planting season after its apparent death.
- (b) Nothing herein shall prevent the relocation of trees upon a building site by the owner thereof, nor shall a permit be required therefor. In addition, the removal of totally dead trees shall not require prior approval or a permit from the Town, whether or not the same shall constitute a hazard. Following such removal, the owner shall replace the trees with comparable substitutes, as defined in Subsection 16-15-60(c) above.
- (c) In case of an emergency caused by a tree being in a hazardous or dangerous condition posing an immediate threat to person or property, such tree may be removed without resort to the procedures described herein. Following such removal, the owner shall replace the tree with a comparable substitute, as defined in Subsection 16-15-60(c) above.