



City of Allen Park
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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**New Tree Permit
Application**

All sections of application MUST be completed before review and approval

Date: _____

Address where tree will be located: _____

Property Type

☐ Residential ☐ Commercial

Name of Homeowner/Business: _____

Address (if different from tree location): _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Tree Planting Information

Size of Easement (from curb to sidewalk)

☐ Greater than 10 feet ☐ Between 5 and 10 feet ☐ Less than 5 feet

Tree species to be planted: _____

Homeowner Signature: _____

City Official Signature: _____

Tree species **must** be approved prior to planting; failure to obtain prior approval may result in tree being removed from property and incurrence of fine and/or penalty

No trees will be permitted within 25' of overhead wires

Approved Tree Species

The tree species listed are considered for such factors as: size, disease resistance, pest problems, location suitability, seed or fruit set, and visual appearance. Another factor that can be considered in species selection is which trees are presently doing well and are relatively free from insects and disease. While efforts have been made to make appropriate recommendations, nurseries may have further information as to specific cultivars or varieties which may be more suitable for your location or climate.

Large Trees (>40')

Plant only if area between sidewalk and curb is greater than 10 feet

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Latin (Scientific Name)</u>	<u>Description or Characteristic of Tree</u>
Hackberry	<i>Celtis Occidentalis</i>	Medium to fast growth; 40-60' mature height, 40-60' mature spread; tolerant of strong winds, drought, and pollution; attracts birds and butterflies
Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia Glyptostroboides</i>	Fast growth; 70-100' mature height, fast growing; sheds leaves and twigs annually; pollution tolerant
American Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar Styraciflua</i>	Medium to fast growth; 60-75' mature height; 40-50' mature spread; needs space for root development; provides brilliant fall color
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus Dioicus</i>	Slow to medium growth; 60-75' mature height; 40-50' mature spread; drought and pollution tolerant
Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova Serrata</i>	Medium growth; 50-80' mature height; 50-75' mature spread; wind, drought, and pollution tolerant; dense shade tree with peeling bark that exposes orange inner bark, brilliant fall color
Ginkgo Biloba (non-fruited)	<i>Ginkgo Biloba</i>	Medium growth; 25-50' mature height; 25-35' mature spread; heat and pollution tolerant; bright yellow fall color
Northern Red Oak	<i>Quercus Rubra</i>	Fast growth; 60-75' mature height; 50-75' mature spread; excellent shade tree with red fall color
Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron Tulipifera</i>	Fast growth; 60-90' mature height; 30-50' mature spread; blooms in May and June and provides vibrant yellow fall color
Purple or Green Beech	<i>Nyssa Sylvatica</i>	Slow growth rate; brilliant fall color; slow growing; tolerant to drought or flooding
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus Macrocarpa</i>	Slow growth rate; more tolerant to City conditions than most oaks

Medium Trees (25'-40')

Plant only if area between sidewalk and curb is less than 10 feet

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Latin (Scientific Name)</u>	<u>Description or Characteristic of Tree</u>
Littleleaf Linden	<i>Tilia Cordata</i>	Medium growth; 50-60' mature height; 40' mature spread; dense canopy provides shade; blooms in summer; sensitive to road salt and Japanese Beetles; needs extra water during dry periods
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer Saccharum</i>	Slow to medium growth; 60-75' mature height; 40-50' mature spread; dense shade tree that has dazzling fall foliage
River Birch	<i>Betula Nigra</i>	Medium to fast growth; 40-70' mature height; 40-60 mature spread; drought and pest tolerant; known for curling bark and spreading limbs
American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus Caroliniana</i>	Slow growth; 20-30' mature height; 20-30' mature spread; new leaves emerge reddish purple, changing to dark green, then yellow to orange-red in fall

Small Trees (>25')

If area between sidewalk and curb is less than five feet, use these trees. Ask for them in tree form; no multi-stem forms allowed

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Latin (Scientific Name)</u>	<u>Description or Characteristic of Tree</u>
Petticoat Maple	<i>Acer Pseudoplatanus</i> "Tunpetti"	Medium growth; 40-60' mature height; 40-60' mature spread; highly salt tolerant; does well in urban conditions
Paperbark Maple	<i>Acer Griseum</i>	20-30' mature height; 10-30' mature spread; this attractive small to medium sized ornamental tree is excellent for a small area. Exfoliating bark is ornamental feature
Red Maple	<i>Acer Rubrum</i>	40-60' mature height; 35-45' mature spread; this large tree is widely adaptable and showy with its red foliage

Special Use Trees

In certain areas of the City or in areas of restricted above-ground space, the best tree choice may be those varieties that grow more upright, in a columnar form, known as fastigiata form. This form allows for minimal blockage because of their tight, upright habit and they will also not hang over sidewalk, avoiding clearance concerns.

Allen Park City Ordinance

Section 16-85. – Permit required for planting certain trees.

- (a) No person shall plant any poplar, box elder, basswood, cottonwood, willow, soft maple, American maple, common catalpa, horse chestnut, or Ailanthus glandulosa tree anywhere within the city without first procuring a permit from the department of public services.
- (b) A person's first or second violation of this section shall be a municipal civil infraction with a civil fine as established in section 1-14(2). A person's subsequent violations of this section shall be a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties of section 1-14(1).

(Code 1957, § 7-203; Code 1978, § 21-3; Ord. No. 96-5, § 1(21-3), 10-22-1996)

State Law Reference – Authority to destroy box elder trees, MCL 124.151.