

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI
VEGETATION PROTECTION AND LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS
OF THE PEACHTREE CITY LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND
THE SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE REMOVAL PERMITS; TO REPEAL
CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO ESTABLISH SEVERABILITY; TO ESTABLISH AN
EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that:

Section 1. Article XI, Section 1104(b) of the Land Development Ordinance of the City of Peachtree City, Georgia, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1104. Preservation of protected and specimen trees.

It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to remove or cause the removal of any specimen tree without having first received approval either through the process of site plan review, in the case of new development, or in the form of a tree-removal permit.

- (a) *Approval through site plan review.* When site plan review by the Planning Commission is required for any development, the actual or schematic locations of all specimen trees shall be shown on all site plans by location, species and size. The site plans shall be submitted to the planning and zoning administrator for evaluation and recommendation before submission to the Planning Commission. All site plans shall also include those requirements listed under tree removal application requirements herein. Final approval of the site plan shall constitute approval for removal of any specimen trees impacted by development on the site plan.
- (b) *Application for permit to remove specimen trees.* The application for a tree removal permit shall be on a form provided by the city for this purpose. An application for the removal of any specimen trees on public or private property shall include the following:
 - (1) A list of the trees to be removed, including diameter, species, and general location on the property;
 - (2) Photo documentation of each tree to be removed;
 - (3) General photos of the property showing existing conditions

- (4) Certification that all trees to be removed are located on the property of the Applicant. The city may require a surveyor to identify property lines when trees to be removed are located within 5' of the adjoining property line ;
- (5) Written authorization from the Homeowner's Association or Community Association, if applicable; and
- (6) Such other information as may reasonably be required by the planning and zoning administrator. This could include, but is not limited to, a professional arborist's appraisal of the tree's viability and projected life span.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts thereof which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict and except as hereinafter provided, hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any provision thereof other than the provisions specifically declared to be invalid. The City Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by the City Council.

Done, Ratified, and Passed this ____ day of _____ 2012.

Donnie O. Haddix, Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk