



Beaches Division

**Application for Dune
Vegetation Trimming Permit**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Filing an application is NOT authorization to commence any trimming or alteration; you must have all approved permits prior to starting work.
2. Complete the application and submit to the Beaches Division. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
3. Within ten (10) days after a complete application is received, the Beaches Division will review the application and either approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application, based on the standards set forth in the City of St. Pete Beach Land Development Code. Staff may contact you if more information is needed. You will be notified when the permit is ready to be picked up.
4. An inspection of the property may be necessary to evaluate the application. Please list any relevant site-specific information such as gate codes.
5. For assistance with this application, contact the Beaches Division at 727-363-9216.
6. **Dune Vegetation Trimming fee:** \$25

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Address/Location of Project: _____
Property Tax ID #: _____
Site Specific Information (i.e. gate code): _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
License # _____ Contact Phone# _____
Email: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Height of Vegetation/Height of Foliage: _____
Height to be Removed (ft): _____
Proposed Finished Height: _____

DUNE VEGETATION TRIMMING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

By signing this application, the Applicant and Contractor agree to comply with the following conditions of approval:

- 1) "Trimming" is defined as cutting branches and leaves to prune a healthy plant, not the complete defoliation or destruction of the plant.
- 2) Trimming is only permitted between March 1st and October 1st.
- 3) Only plants greater than six feet (6') in height are permitted to be trimmed and no plant shall be cut to a height less than six feet (6') in height.
- 4) A maximum of one-third of the plant height or foliage surface area is permitted to be trimmed in a year. Trimming is allowed two times per year provided that no more than one-third of the plant height or foliage surface area is removed in that year.
- 5) Dead leaves and limbs protect sensitive understory plants and new growth from salt spray and shall not be removed unless a safety hazard.
- 6) Trimming that will result in a lighting violation of Sea Turtle Protection Regulations is strictly prohibited. Marine turtle mortality resulting from increased illumination may be considered a violation of Chapter 370.12 FS, and the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. Such a violation could subject the responsible party to prosecution by both the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with fines up to \$10,000.
- 7) The project must comply with all Federal and/or State permitting requirements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inquire and apply if additional permits are required. No trimming shall occur until all permits have been issued. The applicant must provide to the City records that approvals have been granted by FDEP prior to commencing work.
- 8) The Applicant shall contact the Beach Manager two-weeks prior to trimming and one-week post-trimming to schedule a pre- and post-inspection.
- 9) The removal or destruction of beach dune vegetation, due to improper trimming is a violation of Section 25.00.00 of the Land Development Code and Sections 161.053 and 161.054 of the Florida Statute. Violations of City of St. Pete Beach regulations may require mitigation by the City and the applicant may face fines up to \$5,000 plus restoration costs and appear before the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate. Violation of this permit will also result in the ability to trim subsequent years. In addition, violations of Florida Statute are a second-degree misdemeanor and punishable by fines up to \$500 and \$10,000 a day, respectively.
- 10) This permit application is not valid unless signed. By signature, the Permittee confirms that all information is accurate and complete and understands and accepts the conditions listed above. Any false statement or misrepresentation when applying for this permit may result in criminal charges and will result in revocation. By signing this permit application, the Applicant and Contractor agrees at all times to pay on behalf of and to save, hold, and keep harmless the City, its Officials, Employees, Agents, and Volunteers from all claims, liability, expenses, losses, costs, fines and damages, including attorney's fees, and causes of action of every kind and character against City by reason of any damage to property or the environment, or bodily injury (including death) incurred or sustained by any party hereto, or of any party acquiring any interest hereunder, any agent or employee of any party hereto or of any party acquiring an interest hereunder, and any third or other party whomsoever, or any governmental agency, arising out of or in incident to or in connection with the Applicant's and Contractor's performance, the condition of the premises, Applicant and Contractor's acts, or omissions or operations hereunder, or the performance, non-performance or purported performance of the Contractor of any breach of the terms of the Contract to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor and persons employed or utilized by the Applicant. The Permittee agrees by signing that they are responsible for all expenses and will not receive monetary compensation for work on City lands while operating under this permit.

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS NOTARIZED:

I CERTIFY THAT: (CHECK ONE)

- A. I AM THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND WILL BE CONDUCTING THE WORK AS OWNER/BUILDER.

Disclosure Statement: State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own contractor with certain restrictions even though you do not have a license. You must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction yourself. You may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. You may also build or improve a commercial building, provided your costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence must be for your own use or occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved for sale or lease. If you sell or lease a building you have built or substantially improved yourself within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption. You may not hire an unlicensed person to act as your contractor or to supervise people working on your building. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances. You may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done. Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your direct supervision and must be employed by you, which means that you must deduct F.I.C.A. and withholding tax and provide workers' compensation for that employee, all as prescribed by law. Your construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

- B. I AM NOT THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY; HOWEVER, I HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT AS AGENT FOR THE OWNER OF RECORD. (*City of St. Pete Beach Code and Compiled Laws requires that this type of work be done by a licensed contractor. PLEASE PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION*).

I CERTIFY THAT I AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

 OWNER/ AGENT SIGNATURE
 STATE OF FLORIDA,
 COUNTY OF PINELLAS

 CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE & LICENSE NO.
 STATE OF FLORIDA,
 COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

 Signature of Notary
 Print Name of Notary _____

 Signature of Notary
 Print Name of Notary _____

Commission Number _____

Commission Number _____

(SEAL):

(SEAL):

Application for Dune Vegetation Trimming Permit

Checklist

- Attach aerial map image depicting the area proposed to conduct dune vegetation trimming
- Attach a list plant species and any pertinent information (such as photos, vegetation height) of proposed dune vegetation to be trimmed

Scope of Work

Please describe the work to be conducted:

ADDITIONAL NOTES/PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY