

# PERMIT - CONSTRUCTION WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY



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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF WORK:**

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WARD/BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ CLT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSTRUCTION TYPE:**

_____ DRIVEWAY	_____ PAVEMENT CUT	_____ STORM SEWER
_____ SIDEWALK	_____ CURB & GUTTER	_____ OTHER
_____ UTILITY CONST.	_____ DRAINAGE DITCH	

STARTING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE (SPECIFY DIMENSIONS OF WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIREMENTS:**

THE APPLICANT HEREBY AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE, ORDINANCES, SPECIFICATIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED AND BONDED CONTRACTOR.

THIS PERMIT SHALL BECOME VOID IF CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT BEGUN WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF NOTED STARTING DATE.

A PLAN OR TYPICAL SKETCH SHALL ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS.

A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL PERMIT TO BLOCK THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT FEE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PAYMENT RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# BE PREPARED FOR PUBLIC TREES AND STREETSCAPES

**What is a public tree?** Any tree that stands on public property or within the public Right-of-way that was planted and/or maintained by the City of Knoxville. Public trees are mapped on the City of Knoxville tree inventory and can be found at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/trees](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/trees)

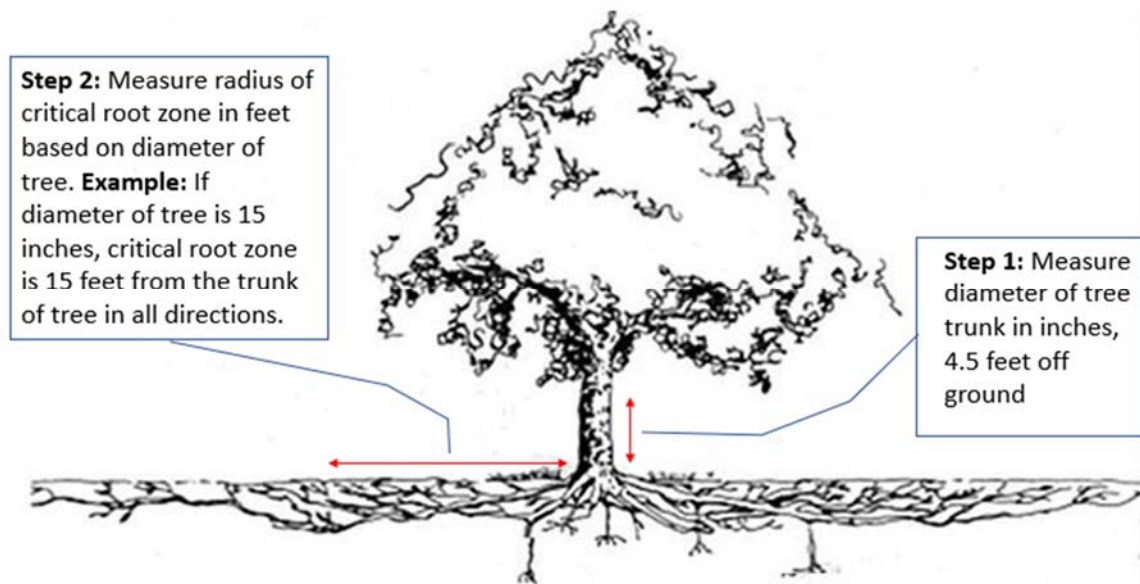
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## What part of a public tree is protected under City code?

1. Any work or maintenance on any above ground part of a public tree.
2. Any grade changes, work, or equipment use within the critical root zone of a public tree

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**What is the Critical Root Zone of a public tree?** The soil area below ground and the space above ground defined by measuring one (1) foot radius away from the trunk of the tree for every inch diameter at 4.5 feet above ground.



\*Space below parking lots, paved streets, or buildings are not part of the critical root zone

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## Permits required for work around public trees:

- All work within a public tree or in the critical root zone of a public tree requires a Public Tree Permit regardless of other permits issued. Permits can be found at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/trees](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/trees)
- Right-of-way permits, road closure permits, development permits, and building permits still require a public tree permit if working in a public tree or critical root zone.

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## Damages to public trees may be expensive:

- Damage to public trees or the critical root zone will result in fines to repair the site or replace the entire tree if more than 20% of the tree is damaged.
- City of Knoxville codes requires inch for inch replacement for damaged trees and/or fines that equal the appraised value of the tree damaged. Damages for a single 12-inch diameter oak tree could easily amount to over \$3,000 in penalties.



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