

*Canaan Crossing Homeowners Association*  
*P.O. Box 190 Dryfork, WV 26263*

***Tree Removal Permit  
Application***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Section / Lot Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: In signing this I agree that all of the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. And that I agree to abide by the covenants and resolutions of the board.

Contact Info:

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background to CCHA Tree Removal Guidelines (August 30, 2022)**

According to the CCHA Amended and Restated Declaration of Protective Covenants and Restrictions (2, j)

*No trees measuring six (6) inches or more in diameter at four and one-half (4-1/2 feet) above the ground level may be removed without the written approval of the CCHA unless said tree is within ten (10) feet of the residence, other approved building, or in a roadway.*

*The reasons for this provision in the covenants and restrictions are to ensure that tree removal:*

- does not result in the complete clearing of a lot such that the wooded/meadow ambience of Canaan Crossing is undermined;
- occurs only on the lot of the owner proposing to cut trees, unless an owner contiguous approves the proposed removal of trees which may be on their own property.

*It is assumed that among the legitimate reasons for requesting permission to cut trees are:*

- recovering or enhancing the view of the mountains or meadows from the property in question, understanding that properties have been purchased in Canaan Crossing, in part at least, because of the beauty of the landscape, both near and in the distance
- removing diseased or dead trees;
- thinning trees to allow growth of existing trees and to increase the meadow-like features of the land in question.

### **CCHA Guidelines for Considering Requests to Removal Trees**

1. Trees to be removed must clearly be on the property of the owner requesting permission to remove trees; if there is any doubt, the owner must provide documentation of the official property lines to the ARC
2. The number of trees to be removed ought not completely clear the property in question, unless there are bona fide reasons for doing so, which the ARC finds legitimate;
3. If the trees to be cut are visible to neighbors or to the community roads, there must be a plan to remove the trees, chip them, or otherwise beautify the landscape such that the beauty of Canaan Crossing is maintained;
4. The proposed tree removals must be consistent with the spirit of the reasons for the covenant language on tree removal provided above.
5. Trees to be cut should be marked with a colored “X” or brightly covered tape, or the parameters of the area within which trees will be cut should be clearly marked along the boundaries with colored “X” or brightly covered tape.
6. If the tree removal proposed is more than just a few trees, and particularly if it involves the use of a chipper, ARC should communicate to the owner who is requesting permission to removal trees, assuming the request is supported, that every effort should be made to do the project in as short a period of time as feasible, and to notify neighbors that there will be considerable noise at a particular time.
7. Contractors hired to do the tree removals should be informed by the owner that the speed limit for vehicles in the development is 25 MPH.

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**Tree Removal Proposal:** Provide below or in an attached document a description of project and rationale, consistent with CCHA Tree Removal Guidelines above:

The Canaan Crossing Homeowners Association Architectural Review Committee (ARC) makes a recommendation to the Canaan Crossing Homeowners Association Board based on the information submitted with the application regarding the approval or disapproval of the tree removal permit application.

### **Architectural Review Committee Recommendations**

Michael Rowe: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

**CCHA Leadership will make final decision based on Architectural Review Committee recommendations**

Kent Hill or other board member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_ Disapproved: \_\_\_\_

Comments:

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