



Walton County Planning and Development Services

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Clearing Permit Application

Clearing – Any land alteration activity causing soil disturbance utilizing any tracked or wheeled mechanical equipment including the following activities: removal of vegetation, dredging or filling of wetlands for which state and federal permits have been obtained, construction of driveways and culvert installation or removal of soil.

Additional requirements for properties located in the Point Washington Neighborhood Plan area: No property owner, builder, contractor, landscaper, business, firm or other legal entity shall remove, destroy, or damage a protected tree located in the Point Washington Neighborhood Plan area without first obtaining a clearing permit from Walton County Planning and Development Services. The term “protected tree” means any Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*), Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) or Long Leaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*) with a diameter at breast height of eighteen (18) inches or more.

Parcels located in Large Scale or General Agriculture and are 1 acre or greater may be exempt from a clearing permit for the following use: Single Family Dwelling, Agricultural and Silvicultural use.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out application completely and submit to Planning and Development Services.
2. Walton County Planning and Development Services have up to ten (10) working days to review the completed application and attachments. If the application is not entirely complete, then the applicant will be notified that their application has been placed on hold until the requested additional information is furnished.
3. A Land Clearing Permit by itself does not authorize any other development activity. A building permit and perhaps a development order must be obtained prior to the start of any structure or development.
4. Failure to address or maintain any requirements will result in Code Enforcement action.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

- Survey showing property boundary lines, existing easements, rights-of-way, flood zone, wetlands, mean or ordinary high water line boundary, and all required buffers.
- Site plan (which may be shown on the above survey) clearly demonstrating the limits of clearing, wetland buffers, shoreline protection buffers, staging areas, etc.
- Provide a NPDES permit and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for clearing that will result in greater than 1 acre of disturbance. **Lots with less than 1 acre of disturbance, the applicant or contractor will need to provide a statement or plan that details the proposed erosion and sedimentation controls that will be utilized on the site.**
- Provide a culvert permit from Public Works or driveway connection permit from FDOT if no access currently exists.

- Provide a copy of all applicable state and federal permits.
- Copy of deed.
- Review fee \$25.00 – payable to Walton County

APPLICANT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Parcel Identification Number(s): _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Lot: _____; Block: _____; Subdivision: _____

Date of Plat: _____ Book: _____ Page: _____

Parcel Size (in acres): _____; Total amount of clearing requested (in acres): _____

Driving Directions to Site from nearest major intersection:

CONTRACTOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Purpose of clearing the property (check one):

Do you currently have an active building permit application? YES NO

Single-family dwelling as sole use of property (multifamily units/commercial uses require a development order)

Other (please specify the purpose of the clearing application)

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

