1. Application is made for permission to ☐ REMOVE ☐ PRUNE ☐ ENCROACH INTO TREE PROTECTION ZONE
   ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial 
   Project Location

2. Application is made for permission to perform the work described below at: __________________________

3. Reason work is necessary:
   Tree species: __________________________________________ 
   Trunk Diameter @ 4.5’ above ground: ___________________
   Approximate height & approximate canopy diameter: ________
   ☐ Attached tree survey plat showing precise location of tree(s) to be pruned and/or removed including diameter, height and canopy information
   -or-
   Tree removal is in conjunction with a discretionary development approved by __________________________ copy is attached.

4. Applicant must check with all Utility Companies serving the area covered by this permit, for location of existing underground pipes, conduits or cables. Underground Service Alert (U.S.A.) does not locate non-pressurized sewer and drainage facilities.

5. **Before starting work, the Permittee shall notify City of Rancho Cordova at (916) 851-8849, 48 hours in advance of the date work is to begin.**

6. Attention is directed to the General Provisions attached hereto and made a part hereof.

7. A granted permit shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of issuance.

In consideration of the granting of this application, the applicant shall indemnify, defend with counsel acceptable to City, and hold harmless the City of Rancho Cordova and its officers, officials, employees, and agents from and against any liability or responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to persons or property, happening or occurring as the proximate result of any of the work undertaken under the terms of this application and the permit or permits which may be granted in response to thereto, and that all of said liabilities are hereby assumed by the applicant. It is further agreed that if any part of this installation interferes with the future use of the highway, it must be removed or relocated, as designated by the City of Rancho Cordova Director of Public Works, at the expense of the applicant or their successor in interest.

| Sketch of Tree(s) Location (include landmarks such as buildings, streets, etc): |
| Permit Fee: $ 31.00 Validation: ________________ |
| **Conditions of Work:** |
| ☐ Use a certified arborist ☐ Use ANSI pruning standards |
| ☐ Not to exceed 25% canopy reduction of live wood |
| ☐ No climbing spurs/spikes on pruned trees |
| ☐ No topping / “Hat-Racking” |

Application approved is subject to payment of fees, & CONDITIONS OF WORK, and is revocable at any time. This permit is nontransferable and **EXPIRES (6) SIX MONTHS** from date issued.

By: __________________________ Date ________________ 20__.

The trees marked on this plat are the only ones covered on permit

PERMIT. This permit is issued in accordance with Title 19 of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code and includes a GENERAL PROVISIONS sheet. (FORM UPDATED 2/28/18)
GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR RANCHO CORDOVA TREE PERMIT

PERMIT. This permit is issued in accordance with Title 19 of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROVISIONS. It is understood and agreed by the Permittee that when any work is done under this permit it shall constitute an acceptance of all the general conditions hereof.

NOTICE PRIOR TO STARTING WORK. The City of Rancho Cordova is a member of the Underground Service Alert (U.S.A.) one-call program. The Permittee shall notify Underground Service Alert 48 hours in advance of performing excavation work by calling the toll-free number 800-227-2600. Excavation is defined as being 18 or more inches in depth below the existing surface. Excavation of a continuing nature shall be reported to U.S.A. in segments of the total work, not to exceed 1200 feet in length.

U.S.A. NOTIFICATION REQUIRED. The Permittee is responsible for locating all public owned facilities within the construction area and shall notify Underground Service Alert two working days in advance of performing excavation work by calling the toll-free number (800) 227-2600. U.S.A. notification to be renewed at not more than 14 calendar day intervals. All U.S.A. and other construction related markings shall be removed upon completion of the project.

KEEP PERMIT ON WORK SITE. This permit shall be kept at the site of the work and must be shown to any representative of the City of Rancho Cordova or any law enforcement officer upon demand. Fines for failing to provide a valid permit are defined in Chapter 19.

PROSECUTION OF WORK. Any work authorized by this permit shall be performed in a workmanlike, diligent and expeditious manner to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director.

TREE REMOVAL. In the removal of a tree, the entire stump shall be taken out for a depth of at least two feet below the ground surface.

TRIMMING OF TREES. In general, only light trimming of live branches two inches or less in diameter and/or dead branches will be permitted and only when specifically stated on the face hereof. The shapeliness of the tree must be preserved. Root pruning is not allowed without special provisions of this permit.

VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR AND NUISANCE. Any violation of the provisions of Title 19 is unlawful and a public nuisance, and the duly constituted authorities of the City shall immediately commence an action or proceeding for the abatement and enjoinder thereof and shall take other steps in the manner provided by law. The cost of such abatement of the public nuisance shall become a lien on the property pursuant to Government Code Section 25845. A violation of Title 19 is a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a period up to six (6) months or by a fine of ONE THOUSAND Dollars ($1000.00) or both.

CONDITIONS OF WORK. The following conditions of work shall be followed:

a) Use ANSI pruning standards.
b) Not to exceed 25% canopy reduction of live wood.
c) No climbing spurs/spikes on pruned trees.
d) No topping / “Hat-Racking”.

CONTROL MEASURES. The following control measure to mitigate damage to oak trees by land development shall be followed:

a) No grade cuts greater than one foot shall occur within the drip lines of oak trees, and no grade cuts whatsoever shall occur within five feet of their trunks;
b) No fills greater than one foot shall be placed within the drip lines of oak trees, and no fill whatsoever shall be placed within five feet of their trunks;
c) No trenching whatsoever shall be allowed within the drip lines of oak trees. If it is absolutely necessary to install underground utilities within the drip line of an oak tree, the trench shall be either bored or drilled underneath the root zone area.
d) No irrigation system shall be installed within the drip lines of oak tree(s) which may be detrimental to the preservation of the oak tree(s) unless specifically authorized by the approving body or the director of public works;
e) Landscaping beneath oak trees, which includes plant species, shall be limited to those species that are tolerant of the natural semi-arid environs of the trees.
f) Paving within the ditch lines of oak trees should be stringently minimized. When it is absolutely necessary, porous material should be used.

SECURITY. The Director of Public Works may require adequate security for any project for which a permit is required, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 19.12.130

GRADING BELOW TREES. Grading operations within the drip line of oak trees will not be permitted unless specifically authorized by the approving body or by the Public Works Director. Grading operations beneath trees to be saved shall be given special attention. Every reasonable effort shall be made to avoid creating conditions adverse to the tree’s health. The natural ground within the drip line of protected trees shall remain as undisturbed as possible.

a) Major roots two inches or greater in diameter encountered in the course of excavation from beneath trees, which are not to be removed, shall not be cut and shall be kept moist and covered with earth as soon as possible. Roots one inch to two inches, which are severed, shall be cleanly cut & covered with moistened burlap or covered with earth as soon as possible.
b) Support roots that are inside the drip line of the tree shall be protected. The Permittee is required to hand-dig in the vicinity of protected trees to prevent root cutting and mangling, which may be caused by heavy equipment.
c) Cross section plans showing root zone area may be required where trees are located adjacent to roadways, new slopes, or critical areas. In addition, a dimension from the face of a tree to some critical point or line may be required.
d) Any condition imposed by the city council, planning commission, the planning director, or the public works director relating to grading in the vicinity of protected trees is incorporated into and made a part of the improvement standards. The consulting engineer for the project shall verify in writing on a form to be provided by the Public Works Director that the grading has been completed as required.(19.12.140)

PRESERVATION OF REMAINING TREES. Applicant shall take the following precautions for the protection and preservation of the remaining trees on the site in conjunction with construction activity: During the construction phase of the project, a physical barricade shall be erected and maintained coincidental to the drip lines of all oak trees marked “SAVE” on the approved tentative map. Within this barrier, no construction related activities shall be allowed, including but not limited to, vehicular parking or material storage.

STOP WORK ORDER. Whenever the director of the public works department, the planning commission or the city council determines that any permit, or variance, or any action being taken thereunder, or any action under it without a permit, is in conflict with this ordinance or with the standards established by the City or any department thereof, or ordinance, regulation, or policy, a stop work order can be issued, which shall prohibit any further action by the work thereunder.

SUSPENSION OF REVOCATION

a) In addition to or instead of the measures set forth in Title 19, the planning commission or the city council may suspend any permit subject to a public post-suspension hearing upon the finding that a violation of conditions of approval has occurred.
b) Following the public hearing, if the City revokes the permit, it may cause to be removed all improvement constructed in reliance upon such permit with costs to constitute a lien on the property pursuant to Government Code Section 38773. The City may also order restoration of the property.