

**CITY OF LAKELAND
ANNUAL VEGETATIVE CUTTING PERMIT**

Property Owner: Name _____

Address _____

Address of Permit Activity: _____

Permit Period: _____ through December 31, _____

An Annual Vegetative Cutting Permit (no fee) is needed from the City for any vegetative cutting within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHW), within 40 feet landward of bluff line, and on slopes greater than 12%. An Annual Vegetative Cutting Permit is required for:

- a. The cutting, topping or removal of trees less than six (6) inches in diameter at a distance of five (5) Feet above ground level, providing such cutting involves vegetation which does not reasonably affect the screening of structures on a property from a view of the property as taken from the river during the summertime.
- b. Cutting limbs or otherwise trimming trees greater than six (6) inches in diameter at a distance of five (5) feet above ground level, providing the cutting involves vegetation which does not reasonably affect the screening of structures on a property from a view of the property as taken from the river during the summertime.
- c. Dead trees and branches.
- d. Diseased or hazard trees.
- e. Buckthorn and other specified noxious weeds.
- f. The cutting necessary for transportation or utility rights-of-way.

The goal is to preserve the character and quality of existing growths and that the cutting maintains a reasonable canopy.

I/We will be doing one or more of the following:

- Cut back tree and brush vegetation which has grown or died since last year's trimming.
- Thin out tree and brush vegetation which has been uncut for several years.
- Thin out tree or brush vegetation which is interfering with walkways and/or trams.
- Other _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand Ordinance 7526 as it affects Vegetative Cutting in the Bluff line/Shore land St. Croix River District, as adopted by the City of Lakeland.

Signed _____ Date _____

If you have questions, please contact City Hall at (651) 436-4430 or DNR Representative Jenifer Sorenson at (651) 259-5754.