APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PLANT TREES ON PUBLIC STREET RIGHT OF WAY
CITY OF LIVINGSTON

NAME: ___________________________________________ PHONE: ______________________

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED PLANTING: __________________________________________

1. Trees should be chosen from the approved species list attached to the application

2. Please show a diagram of your planting site in the space below. Include lot and right of way, existing
   trees, signs, utilities, driveways and sidewalks, alleyways, and where you would like to plant new
   trees. The public right-of-way is the area that is 14’ from the back of the curb to the property line.

3. Email your application to eschneider@livingstonmontana.org, or drop it off or mail your application
to: Livingston Park Department, 330 Bennett Street, Livingston MT 59047. Call the Public
Works Department at 222-5667 to schedule your first inspection.

4. Once first inspection has been completed and planting is approved, make sure underground utilities
are located and marked before digging. Whoever will be doing the digging is responsible. Call
811 or toll free: 1-800-424-5555.

Planting must be completed within 4 weeks after the first inspection. Park personnel will make a second
inspection during completion. Any tree not planted to Park specifications will be removed and reinstalled
by permit holders.
Permit holder also agrees to be personally responsible for any damages to persons or property arising from
work hereby authorized, and agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Livingston harmless from any
loss, claim, damages, or expenses incurred. The said person or persons further agree to replace all
disturbances of the city right-of-way to the satisfaction of the Park Foreman.

APPLICANTS’ SIGNATURE: _________________________ DATE: ________________

1st INSPECTION: _________________________ 2nd INSPECTION: _________________________

Trees to be planted: ______________________________________________

SPACING: Large species should be placed 35’ apart, medium species 25’ apart and smaller species can be placed
15’ apart.

SIGHT TRIANGLE: Trees must be placed 35’ from street corner.

SIGNS: Plant 28’ back from stop signs and 10’ back from other signs and fire hydrants.
List of Recommended Trees for Planting in Public Right-Of-Ways

Small trees: under 20 feet at maturity

1. *Acer tataricum*  
   Tatarian Maple
2. *Amelanchier x grandiflora*  
   Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry
3. *Crataegus* species  
   Hawthorns (thorn less varieties only)
4. *Malus* species  
   Flowering crabapples (not all species are under 20 feet)
   Suggested Varieties:
5. *Prunus maackii*, tree form  
   Amur Chokecherry
6. *Punus pada*  
   May Day Tree
7. *Syringa reticulate*  
   Japanese Tree Lilac

Medium trees: 20-40 feet at maturity

1. *Acer plantanoides*  
   Select varieties bred for short size (Crimson King)
2. *Aesculus glabra*  
   Ohio Buckeye
3. *Pyrus ussuriensis*  
   Flowering Pear

Large Trees: Over 40 feet at Maturity

1. *Acer plantanoides*  
   Norway Maple
2. *Acer xfreemanii*  
   Autumn Blaze Maple
3. *Gleditsia triacanthos*  
   Honey Locust (seedless varieties only)
4. *Quercus macrocarpa*  
   Bur Oak
5. *Tillia Americana*  
   American Linden
6. *Juglans nigra*  
   Black Walnut
7. *Celtis occidentalis*  
   Common Hackberry
List Of Trees Not Suitable For Planting In Public Right-Of-Ways

- All conifers are unacceptable. Firs, pines, junipers, spruce

Problems are generally related to size and shape. The broad base of these trees interfere with sight lines and can over grow adjacent sidewalks and streets.

Species include all: *Abies Juniperous, Picea, Pinus, Pseutotsuga, and Taxus.*

- All *Populus* species and hybrids. Cottonwoods and aspens

This includes all aspens and cottonwoods. The rapid growth rate of these trees results in a weak-wooded tree, susceptible to breaking and causing property damage. The root systems of *Populus* trees tend to be shallow and sucker freely.

- All *Salix* species and hybrids. Willows

Same reasons as the *Populus* species.

- *Acer negundo.* Box elder

Box elders are large fast growing trees with weak trunks and limbs. The root systems are shallow and may heave sidewalks. They are host to many tree pests like box elder bugs and aphids.

- *Acer saccharinum.* Silver maple

Silver maples are much like box elders, fast growing, weak-wooded, and will often heave sidewalks.

- *Elaeagnus angustifolia.* Russian Olive

The Russian Olive seed is spread by birds and the trees have the ability to completely take over in riparian habitats.

- *Ulmus pumila* Siberian Elm