



CITY OF OAK HARBOR
Development Services Department

**Land Clearing Permit Exemption
Review Process I**

When is a land clearing permit exemption necessary*?

A land-clearing permit is not necessary, and an exemption is required in the following instances:

1. The installation and maintenance of fire hydrants, surface electrical transformer boxes, water meters, water and sewer mains, pumping stations, pedestrian or bicycle paths, and street improvements by the City or its contractors;
2. Removal of trees and ground cover in emergency situations involving immediate danger to life or property or substantial fire hazards;
3. Removal of dead or diseased ground cover or trees. If there is a question as to whether ground cover or trees are diseased, a forester or City staff shall inspect the site and determine whether the plant needs to be removed;
4. Removal of trees or ground cover on partially developed lots, for purposed of general property and utility maintenance, landscaping or gardening; provided, that this exemption shall not apply to any land clearing which includes the use of a bulldozer or similar mechanical equipment and shall not be construed to eliminate the requirement of permits for land clearing for the purpose of developing the property with substantial permanent improvements such as roads, driveways, utilities, or buildings;
5. Developed single-family residential lots;
6. Individual undeveloped single-family residential lots where a building permit has been issued.

**A request for a land clearing permit exemption is not required before clearing in the case of emergency situations involving immediate danger to life or property or substantial fire hazards.*

Name _____

Address _____

Reason for land clearing permit exemption request (see above exemptions): _____

Estimated date of clearing: _____

Approved: Yes _____ **No** _____

Approved by: _____