



Planning

Charleston County Bona Fide Forestry Operation Application Package

Information for Applicant's

- ◆ Use Conditions

Forms to be returned to the Planning Department with Items 1 & 2

- ◆ Bona Fide Forestry Operation Application
- ◆ Bona Fide Forestry Operation Tree Affidavit



Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations **Ordinance (ZLDR)**

BONA FIDE FORESTRY OPERATION

§6.4.23 BONA FIDE FORESTRY OPERATIONS

For this use to be allowed, the contiguous parcels must have five acres or more of forest land. Additionally, if a parcel is harvested of Grand Trees (excluding Live Oak species per section 9.4.1.B. 2.d.) zoning permits or development applications may not be submitted within five years of issuing permit for the harvest because, it shall be presumed that such harvest was done in anticipation of future development and is not considered a bona fide forestry activity as defined by this ordinance. Any person seeking to rebut this presumption shall have the burden of proving their claim by clear and convincing evidence.

“Bona fide forestry operations” shall mean that the property is eligible for, and actually used for forestry or timber operations, and written application has been approved by the County Assessor for the special assessment for agricultural use for the property in question pursuant to SC Code Section 12-43-220, SC Department of Revenue Regulation 117-1780.1. and other applicable statutes, rules and regulations.

Application for Bona Fide Forestry Operation

County of Charleston Planning Department

Public Services Building
Planning Department
4045 Bridge View Drive
North Charleston, SC 29405
Phone 843-202-7200
Fax 843-202-7222



Please complete the top portion of this application and attach the following information:

- 1) An accurate, legible **Site Plan** must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete. The site plan must show property dimensions, total acreage of the parcel(s), portion of property where timber harvesting will take place, total amount of acreage to be harvested, proposed ingress/egress, and location of any required buffers. The dimensions of your property may be found on a recorded plat, which can be obtained from the County's RMC office that is located downtown or online <http://www2.charlestoncounty.org/>
- 2) The applicant must submit a **Letter of Intent** explaining the proposed use, including the time frame of the harvest, the tax map numbers of the parcel(s), acreage of the parcel(s), and explain whether the intent is to clear cut the property or thin a certain species (pines, gums, etc.) of trees.
- 3) A **Bona Fide Forestry Operation Tree Affidavit** must be filled out and signed by the applicant or owner.

The applicant will be notified within five (5) working days if this application or site plan is incomplete or inaccurate or if this application meets the conditions set forth in Section 6.4.23 of the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations*.

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Property Address: _____

TMS Number(s): _____

FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

- TMS Number(s) Verified
- Address Verified
- Tax Assessment Verified
- Zoning Verified
- Adjacent Parcels Zoning Verified
- Check Parcel Permit History
- Contiguous Parcels of Five Acres or More Verified

This application meets the conditions set forth in Section 6.4.23 of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations:

- YES
- NO

If this application is approved, it will expire 6 months from the date received above, if a zoning permit is not obtained for the Bona Fide Forestry Operation on the property. A Zoning Permit fee of \$50 is due in person after application approval.



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TREE AFFIDAVIT

BONA FIDE FORESTRY OPERATION

I, _____, hereby certify that proposed development at _____ TMS# _____ will be undertaken without the disturbance, alteration, removal or destruction of any required Live Oak species Grand Tree (24" DBH or greater) as defined in **Article 9.4 Tree Protection and Preservation** of the *Charleston County Zoning & Land Development Regulations*.

I assume full legal responsibility for any actions not in compliance with tree preservation requirements of Charleston County. I am aware that violations may result in stop work orders, revocation of zoning and building permits, delays in issuance of certificate of occupancy, fines and replacement of trees as mandated by the Board of Zoning Appeals or Planning Director.

_____ (owner/representative signature) _____ (date)

Received by _____ Date _____