FREE TREE APPLICATION

Applicant Street Address: ____________________________

Applicant Lot Information:

- Tax Assessor’s Plat Number: _______________________
- Tax Assessor’s Lot Number(s): ____________________

The undersigned, owner of the property described above, hereby requests:

☐ A single, 2-2.5-inch caliper tree of the type indicated on the reverse side of this form, within that segment of public right-of-way abutting the lot(s) described above.

☐ Multiple 2-2.5-inch caliper trees of the type indicated on the reverse side of this form, spaced 50 feet apart, within that segment of public right-of-way abutting the lot(s) described above.

The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees to the terms of the application outlined below.

Date ____________________________ Print Name ____________________________

Phone No. ____________________________ Sign Name ____________________________

Terms and Conditions:

1. DPW will plant trees during the following calendar intervals: April 1st through May 31st (“Spring Interval”) and September 1st through October 31st (“Fall Interval”). Applications for Spring Interval planting must be received no later than November 1st. Applications for Fall Interval planting must be received no later than June 1st.

2. The Department of Public Works will evaluate applications per the following guidelines:
   - Joint applications (i.e. collaborative effort among neighbors) will be assigned highest priority.
   - This program’s funding is limited each year. Applications that cannot be authorized due to funding constraints in a given year will be considered during the following year.
   - Installation of trees may be infeasible due to conflict with buried utilities, hydrants, overhead wires and utility poles, vehicular and pedestrian traffic considerations, and ADA accessibility regulations.

3. Except as noted in this agreement, all work shall be done according to City of Pawtucket Specifications for Right-Of-Way Alteration and State of Rhode Island Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

4. Contractor shall repair or replace any work or installation that may have become defective within 1 year of acceptance.

5. Trees are living organisms that require care and attention. Though the installer is responsible for the proper installation of a healthy plant, perpetual maintenance of the tree is the responsibility of the applicant. Recommended maintenance measures are included on the reverse side of this form.
Available Tree Species (please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate box)

- Chinese Elm
- Ginkgo
- Little Leaf Linden
- London Plane Tree
- Japanese Zelkova
- Thornless Hawthorn (Spring planting only)

Under Power Lines

- Kwanzan Cherry
- Hedge Maple

How To Care For Your New Tree(s)

1. WATER (the most important maintenance measure)
   a. Water each tree once a week with 15 to 20 gallons (about 3 to 4 large buckets) between May and October
   b. Water slowly so the water penetrates the soil and does not run off of the surface
   c. If it rains 1 inch or more in a week's time period, you do not need to add water

2. MULCH
   a. Mulch keeps the water from evaporating quickly, reduces soil compaction, and improves the soil as it breaks down. Once in the spring and once more in the fall, apply a three-inch layer of mulch, preferably shredded bark, to the tree pit.
   b. Do not pile the mulch against the trunk of the tree; water will accumulate and rot the trunk.

3. REMOVE WEEDS
   a. Wearing gloves, remove weeds. When removing the weeds, take out the entire root system. Leaving behind some of the plant material will allow for the weed to grow back. Use trowels to dig out stubborn roots.
   b. Dispose of the uprooted weeds properly along with other yard waste.