

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
**VEGETATION SUPPLEMENT**  
For Landscape Sponsorship Signs in Roundabouts and for Gateway Signs  
Est. 9/18

**OWNER** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this supplement, applicant/owner hereby acknowledges receiving a copy of the supplement, and the Specific Standards for the Planting and/or Removal of Vegetation, and agrees to comply with all provisions contained therein and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR THE PLANTING AND/OR REMOVAL OF VEGETATION**

**A. Vegetation Enhancement**

(1) Attached plans to the application for a permit shall include the following:

- (a) Nature of work to be done – (e.g., Clearing and removal of underbrush and thinning and removal of no more than (40%) of existing trees that are 6” in diameter and under.)
- (b) A plan of the area and work to be performed.
- (c) Digital photographs and a diagram of the affected area.

(2) Landscape Enhancement

- (a) A plan shall be submitted with the permit to the Landscape Architect Chief for review and comments. The plan shall be designed and stamped by a Landscape Architect, at no cost to the Department.
- (b) A licensed Landscape Contractor, at no cost to the Department, shall perform enhancement plantings.
- (c) The Landscape Architect and the Landscape Contractor hired by the owner shall be licensed by the Louisiana Horticulture Commission, Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
- (d) The owner, as a condition of the permit, shall accept and shall comply with all Louisiana Horticulture Laws, Rules, and Regulations.
- (e) The owner agrees to maintain the landscaping and replace any plants not alive or seriously damaged for the life of the permit.
- (f) Any irrigation that may be included in the project shall be shown on the landscape plan.
- (g) Planting vegetation that will obscure the view of existing outdoor advertising will not be allowed.
- (h) Vegetation work will not be allowed when work is planned by the Department or other parties or where a proposed highway project is imminent within two (2) years.

(3) Trimming and Removal (Trees six (6) inches or greater on Interstate right-of-way)

- (a) Trimming and removal of trees shall be performed by a licensed arborist at no cost to the Department. No topping of trees will be allowed.
- (b) The owner shall not erect, or enter into an agreement with other parties to erect, outdoor advertising adjacent to the highway right-of-way for the location for which the permit is issued.
- (c) Trimming of trees for the movement of houses or other large moveable goods will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**B. Significant Trees as defined by EDSM No. I.1.2.21.**

- (1) Clearing of significant trees is prohibited.
- (2) Trimming of significant trees may be allowed and shall be performed by an ISA certified arborist at no cost to the Department. No topping of trees will be allowed.

**C. Access to the work area shall be from the main roadway or ramps or from the adjacent property as safety dictates. The owner shall conduct his operation in accordance with DOTD Maintenance Traffic Control Handbook including appropriate traffic control devices. The disturbed access areas shall be restored to original condition upon completion of the work.**

**D. Work will be performed typically during regular daylight department hours, Monday through Friday excluding legal holidays. When a lane closure on a state highway is necessary, the Department shall ensure, whenever feasible, that such landscaping or maintenance work is not performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**E. Vegetation which has been cut shall not be left overnight within 30 feet of the travel lane or within highway right-of-way. No debris will be left over a weekend or holiday. No burning will be permitted on the highway right-of-way. Stumps shall be cut and ground flush with the ground and treated with an approved herbicide immediately after the stump is ground.**

**Verification of Completion:**

_____	(Signature of Owner) (Required)	_____	(Date)
_____	(District Roadside Development Specialist) (Required)	_____	(Date)
_____	(District Outdoor Advertising Specialist) (Required)	_____	(Date)
_____	(Headquarters Landscape Architect Chief) (Required)	_____	(Date)