



## **Permit Guidelines for Land Clearing**

*This permit is NOT REQUIRED if land clearing is in conjunction with an approved site development or single family building permit.*

### **1. Submittal Forms:**

- a. [Site Development Permit Miscellaneous Application](#);
- b. [Notice of Commencement](#);
- c. Three (3) surveys (highlight areas to be cleared, identify location of access to the parcel and all buffers) *Survey NOT required to be signed and sealed by surveyor*;
- d. Warranty deed;
- e. [Burrowing Owl/Gopher Tortoise affidavit](#);
- f. [Environmental survey](#) must have been completed within the last 6 months and include both plant and wildlife species. If the project has wetlands or threatened species a SFWMD ERP permit is required, all areas/species to be protected must be shown on the plans and must clearly show buffer areas as maybe requirement;
- g. If the property is greater than one (1) acre, you must submit a letter of intent (LOI) describing the proposed activities;
- h. Three (3) recent aerials (highlight areas to be cleared);
- i. Erosion control plan, SWP3, normally a part of the SFWMD permit, required for all clearing/fill/development projects over one (1) acre per EPA and NPDES guidelines.

**NOTE:** If the project does not have a valid SFWMD permit or an approved Site Development Plan a signed and sealed stormwater plan meeting SFWMD permitting criteria must be submitted for review and approval prior to issuance of a fill permit. The fee for the review and approval of the stormwater plan is \$423.00.

### **2. Information Required:**

- a. Permit for clearing and grubbing of vacant land, includes tree, stump and vegetation removal (Does not include placement of Fill);
- b. If the SFWMD Environmental Resource Permit includes preservation of vegetation and/or species protection then proper barricades must be installed and coordination with City of Cape Coral Environmental staff is required.

### **3. Fees:**

- a. \$120.00 Residential
- b. \$160.00 Commercial

**NOTE:** Additional fees may apply for large or lengthy projects, a \$40 SDR-Storm water inspection fee will be charged per inspection required in addition to the 3 or 4 included above, as determined on a case by case basis.

### **4. Routing:** Planning, Site Development and Environmental

*Any advisory comments provided by staff regarding an approval process or permit are conceptual only and subject to change based on detailed information provided with an application to the City of Cape Coral. Formal review may result in additional changes not noted prior to formal application. The final design or project construction must comply with the Land Use and Development Regulations, Engineering Design Standards, City Code of Ordinances, Comprehensive Plan and other applicable laws and regulations.*

For assistance please contact Development Services at [devservice@capecoral.net](mailto:devservice@capecoral.net) or (239) 573-3167.