



1. Individual homeowners within platted subdivisions. The exemption does not include an exemption from requirements for protective buffers along streams, creeks, and reservoirs as set forth in Chapter 3.
 2. The following situations within all residential districts shall also be exempted:
 - A. Where the construction of an accessory structure(s) and/or uses including, but not limited to, swimming pools and tennis courts, is permitted.
 - B. All properties which are ten (10) acres or less in size, not part of a platted residential subdivision, and cleared for conversion or crop land, pasture land, or other bona fide agricultural purposes.
 - C. The removal of diseased, deceased, infested or dying trees, or living pine trees or other trees which may pose a danger to an existing or proposed home, or other structure.
- D. Protected Trees
1. These regulations establish Protected Trees as any Oak Tree measuring eight (8) inches in diameter at the breast height (dbh) or greater.
- E. Specific Requirements for Timber Lands
1. If a property owner timbers or logs a property pursuant to silviculture operations, the property owner, including successors in interest, may not submit an application for preliminary plat, development plan, or construction plan approval for a period of three (3) years after the end of silviculture operations unless the property owner has submitted a Tree Survey and Plan in accordance with this ULDC.
 2. All Protected Trees identified on the Tree Survey and Plan that are removed shall be mitigated as provided in this ULDC if the property owner seeks to develop the property before the expiration of the three (3) year period.
 1. ~~Land that has been designated silviculture may subsequently be developed, provided that a development plan has been prepared and approved by the County Manager prior to any clearing, grading, clear-cutting, or other land disturbance.~~
 2. ~~The purpose of the development plan is to ensure that cutting or harvesting of trees occurs in such a manner as to avoid the practice called "clear-cutting" prior to any subsequent development.~~
 3. The development plan shall include a forest management plan, based on the Georgia Forestry Commission's "Best Management Practices" (BMPs), for the timberlands site.

~~D. Exemptions~~

~~The following situations are exempt from the provisions of Section 4.07.07;~~