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## TREE CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPEAL FORM

*Revised 1/2015*

### NOTICE OF APPEAL OF DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REGARDING TREES

Date Filed: January 14, 2015

Appeal Number (office use only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Appellant(s)**

Jack White (996 Drewry St. NE; 404-454-6892) & Lola Carlisle (1030 North Virginia Ave, NE; 678-296-0652) both in their individual capacities and on behalf of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association, Inc. (VHCA) Board of Directors, of which both are members. The address of VHCA (a Georgia not-for-profit corporation representing the neighborhood of Virginia-Highland) is P.O. Box 8041; Station F, Atlanta, GA 31106. The entire scope of this appeal is within the appellants' neighborhood and NPU.

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Name of Owner: Atlanta Public Schools

Main office address: 130 Trinity Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Phone: (404) 802-3500

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Address of Property: 774 Virginia Avenue NE; Atlanta, GA 30306

Land Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ District: Fulton County

Council District 6 (Alex Wan) \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Planning Unit F

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*Please provide the information below regarding your appeal case. This information will be available to the members of the Commission prior to the presentation of your case.*

1. What is the basis of your appeal (please check all that apply).

Appeal of Preliminary Approval of a plan to remove trees.

2. What is the specific decision (and date of the decision, if available) of the City arborist that you are appealing?

We are appealing parts of a decision by City of Atlanta Department of Parks arborist Chris Kallio that approves the removal of 7 trees adjacent to a softball field and one along Virginia Avenue (see the attached map) at Inman Middle School in northeast Atlanta.

3. What decision do you want the Tree Conservation Commission to make?

The appellants want the Tree Commission to deny permission to remove trees numbered as follows on the attached Removal Plan: 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, & 24.

4. Please identify, by number, the relevant section of the City's Tree Protection ordinance according to which you contend the arborist made an erroneous decision (not necessary if appeal is for dead, dying, or hazardous tree designation).

Among others, we cite:

Sec. 158-28. Policy, purpose and intent.

It is the policy of the city that there shall be no net loss of trees within the boundaries of the city. The purpose of this article is to establish the standards necessary to assure that this policy will be realized and that the city will continue to enjoy the benefits provided by its urban forest. The provisions of this article are enacted to:

(1) Establish and maintain the maximum amount of tree cover on public and private lands in the city by prohibiting the destruction and removal of trees except in accordance with the standards set forth in this article;

(7) Provide latitude in the interpretation and application of city administrative rules, standards and guidelines when reasonable and necessary to minimize the destruction of trees.

(Code 1977, § 10-2033; Ord. No. 2001-102, § 2, 12-11-01; Ord. No. 2003-03, §§ 1, 2, 1-13-03)

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