

Firewise Home Assessment Program

APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

1. By submitting this application, the Homeowner authorizes the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to enter the property for the purpose of conducting a Firewise Home Assessment. This application also serves as an agreement to participate in the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Firewise Home Assessment Program with the associated parameters stated herein.
2. AFD will contact the Homeowner to schedule a Firewise Assessment conducted by trained AFD staff to provide recommendations for reducing the potential of a structural ignition from a brush fire. Homeowner must be present during the assessment.
3. **Prior to the Home Assessment, Homeowner must identify and flag 1) property corners, 2) property lines, and 3) determine ownership of trees on the boundary of the property.**
4. Tree Work (prescribed during home assessment)
For tree work recommended by AFD, the Homeowner must obtain two independent bids by tree service companies from the list provided by AFD. Once the work is completed, the homeowner submits 100% payment to the contractor. Homeowner submits both bids and a copy of the final invoice to AFD for 50% reimbursement within 60 days of the initial home assessment. AFD will conduct a site inspection to confirm the tree work and then process the invoice for reimbursement within 60 days.
5. Homeowner agrees to the following:
 - o Post a non-combustible, reflective address marker on house and driveway with numbers at least 4 inches high.
 - o Follow the Firewise recommendations provided by AFD to the best of their financial and physical ability.
 - o Maintain the Firewise landscape per AFD recommendations for 5 years.
6. General Agreements and Understandings:
 - o The period of performance under this agreement shall begin on the date this agreement is executed by the homeowners and continues for a period of 5 years from that date.
 - o The Homeowner is not entitled to any compensation under the agreement other than cost-sharing amounts for reimbursable tree services as provided herein. Nothing in this agreement shall obligate any party to the expenditure of funds or future payments of money or services in excess of the cost-share amounts for reimbursable tree services provided by AFD. **The maximum reimbursable amount is \$2,000 per acre, not to exceed a total of \$500 per year. This amount will be pro-rated for parcels less than one acre.**
 - o This Agreement may be terminated by AFD at any time if the funds designated for reimbursement should for any reason become unavailable.
 - o In the event that the homeowner(s) fail to fulfill their obligations specified above in any manner or degree, AFD may terminate this agreement and refuse to provide the cost-sharing reimbursement provided herein or, if reimbursement has been made, AFD may recover in full all sums paid to the homeowner under this agreement.
7. THE BELOW-SIGNED HOMEOWNER(S) AGREE TO RELEASE THE MUNICIPALITY, ITS DEPARTMENTS, CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY, AND TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE MUNICIPALITY, ITS DEPARTMENTS CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES AND LIABILITIES ARISING OR ALLEGEDLY ARISING OR RELATED TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR TO MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIREWISE PROGRAM.
8. Homeowner understands and agrees that tree service work will be performed directly for the Homeowner by an independent tree service contractor; that the independent tree service contractor is not an agent or employee of the Municipality of Anchorage; and that the Municipality of Anchorage shall not be responsible for any claims, damages, losses caused by acts or omissions of the tree service contractor, or failure, in whole or in part, of work or materials provided or performed by the tree service contractor; and that inclusion by the Municipality of Anchorage of a tree service contractor on the referral list does not in any way endorse, recommend or guarantee the performance of the tree service contractor.

I / We have full authority to sign this authorization form on behalf of all persons with an interest in the property and trees described on this form.

Apply Now!

* Denotes a required field

* Name:

Date: June 1, 2017

* Mailing Address:

* City: * State: * Zip Code:

* Physical Address:

* City: * Acres:

* Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone:

* E-mail:

Please submit this form by emailing directly to SeeJW@muni.org or by faxing to 907-249-7519 or mailing to: Anchorage Fire Department, Wildfire Mitigation Program, 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage AK 99507