

## Chapter 2.30

### URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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**2.30.010 Establishment.**

There is established an urban forestry committee of the city. The purpose of this committee is to act as an advisory body to the city council. (Ord. 2846 §2(part), 2000)

**2.30.020 Membership.**

A. The urban forestry committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the city council to hold office for a term of three years. The terms of members of the committee shall overlap with no more than three members' terms expiring in a given year.

B. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the council.

C. If a vacancy occurs, the council shall appoint new members for the unexpired term.

D. No compensation shall be paid or allowed any member of the committee. (Ord. 2846 §2(part), 2000)

**2.30.030 Officers.**

At the first meeting each calendar year the committee shall elect from its members a chair, vice-chair and secretary. (Ord. 2846 §2(part), 2000)

**2.30.040 Duties and responsibilities.**

The committee shall:

A. Serve as an advisory committee to the city council regarding the community's urban forest and make recommendations regarding the development and improvement of the urban forest to the city council;

B. Assist with the development and implementation of an urban forestry plan;

C. Seek grants and other funding assistance to improve the quality of the urban forest;

D. Administer, with the approval of the city council, a memorial tree program;

E. Act in an advisory capacity to the city manager and to all city departments regarding tree maintenance and related issues in the city and on the city's properties;

F. Monitor the health and condition of the city's urban forest;

G. Provide information to the public regarding proper tree selection, planting and care to improve the quality of the urban forest. (Ord. 2846 §2(part), 2000)

**2.30.050 Report.**

The committee shall present an annual written report in May to the city council regarding the condition of the urban forest and the activities of the urban forestry committee. (Ord. 3079 §1, 2017; Ord. 2846 §2(part), 2000)

**Chapter 12.20**  
**STREET TREE REGULATIONS**

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**12.20.010 Title.**

This chapter shall hereafter be referred to and cited as the street tree ordinance of the city. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.020 Enforcement authority.**

The city engineer or his duly authorized representative shall be charged with the enforcement of this chapter. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.030 Planting or removal prohibited without permission.**

No trees or shrubs shall hereafter be planted in or removed from any public parking strip or any other public place in the city without permission from the engineer or his duly authorized representative. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.040 Change of list of approved trees by resolution.**

The council of the city may, from time to time, by resolution change the trees approved for street planting and trees not permitted for planting as referred to in Section 12.20.050. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.050 List of trees.**

A list of trees that may not be planted in the city, and a list of trees that may not be planted on parking strips in the city, are available in the office of the city engineer. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.060 Trimming, pruning, or removal requirements--Notice.**

The city manager or his duly authorized representative may cause to be trimmed, pruned, or removed any trees, shrubs, plants or vegetation in a parking strip or other public place, or may require any property owner to trim, prune, or remove any trees, shrubs, plants or vegetation in a parking strip abutting upon the owners property, and failure to comply therewith after thirty days' notice by the city recorder shall be deemed a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.070 Endangerment as nuisance--Removal--Failure.**

Any tree or shrub planted in a parking strip or any public place, or on private property, which is endangering or which in any way may endanger the security or usefulness of any public street, sewer, or sidewalk, is declared a public nuisance, and the city may remove or trim such tree, or may require the property owner to remove or trim any such tree on private property, or in a parking strip abutting upon the owners property. Obstruction of the safe stopping sight distance as determined by the city engineer is considered to be endangering the usefulness of the public street. Failure of the property owner to remove or trim such tree after thirty days' notice by the city recorder shall be deemed a violation of this chapter, and the city engineer may then remove or trim the tree and assess the cost against the property. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.080 Appeals.**

Appeals from owners made under this chapter may be made by filing written notice thereof with the city recorder within ten days after such order is received, stating in substance that appeal is being made from such order to the city council. The recorder shall thereupon call such appeal to the attention of the city council at the next regularly

scheduled meeting, at which meeting the appellant and the city engineer may present evidence. Action taken by the city council after such hearing shall be conclusive. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.090 Abuse or destruction of trees, shrubs or plants.**

It is a violation of this chapter to abuse, destroy, or mutilate any tree, shrub, or plant in a public parking strip or in any public place, or to attach or place any rope or wire (other than one used to support a young or broken tree), sign, poster, handbill, or other thing to or on any tree growing in a public place, or to cause or permit any wire charged with electricity to come in contact with any such tree. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**12.20.100 Violation--Penalty.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or failing to comply with them shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed two days or both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 2786 §2, 1996)

**14.32.400 Street Trees**

Street trees shall be planted for all developments that are subject to Subdivision, Master Plan or Site Design Review. Requirements for street tree planting strips are provided in Section 14.34.100, Transportation Standards. Planting of street trees shall generally follow construction of curbs and sidewalks; however, the City may defer tree planting until final inspection of completed dwellings to avoid damage to trees during construction. The planting and maintenance of street trees shall conform to the following standards and guidelines and any applicable road authority requirements:

**A. Growth Characteristics.** Trees shall be selected based on climate zone, growth characteristics and site conditions, including available space, overhead clearance, soil conditions, exposure, and desired color and appearance. The following should guide tree selection by developers and approval by the City:

1. Provide a broad canopy where shade is desired and over pedestrian walkways or parking areas, except where limited by available space or except in section 4.
2. Use low-growing trees for spaces under low utility wires.
3. Select trees that can be “limbed-up” to comply with vision clearance requirements.
4. Use narrow or “columnar” trees where awnings or other building features limit growth, or where greater visibility is desired between buildings and the street.
5. Use species with similar growth characteristics on the same block for design continuity.
6. Avoid using trees that are susceptible to insect damage and trees that produce excessive seeds or fruit.
7. Select trees that are well-adapted to the environment, including soil, wind, sun exposure, temperature tolerance, and exhaust. Drought-resistant trees should be chosen where they suit the specific soil type.
8. Select trees for their seasonal color if desired.
9. Use deciduous trees for summer shade and winter sun, unless unsuited to the location due to soil, wind, sun exposure, annual precipitation, or exhaust.
10. The diameter of the tree trunk at maturity shall not exceed the width and size of the planter strip or tree well.

**B. Caliper Size.** The minimum diameter or caliper size at planting, as measured 4 feet above grade, shall be 2 inches.

**C. Spacing and Location.** Street trees shall be planted within the street right-of-way within existing and proposed planting strips or in sidewalk tree wells on streets without planting strips, except when utility easements occupy these areas. Selected street tree species should be low maintenance and not interfere with public safety. Street tree spacing shall be based upon the type of tree(s) selected and the canopy size at maturity and, at a

minimum, the planting area shall contain 16 square feet, or typically, 4 feet by 4 feet. In general, trees shall be spaced no more than 30 feet apart, except where planting a tree would conflict with existing trees, retaining walls, utilities and similar physical barriers. All street trees shall be placed outside utility easements. If preexisting utility easements prohibit street trees within the sidewalk, required trees may be located in the front yard setback or within other required landscape areas as approved by the approval body.

**D. Soil Preparation, Planting and Care.** The developer shall be responsible for planting street trees, including soil preparation, ground cover material, staking, and temporary irrigation for three years after planting. The developer shall also be responsible for tree care (pruning, watering, fertilization, and replacement as necessary) during the first three years after planting, after which the adjacent property owners shall maintain the trees.

**E. Street Tree List.** See the following list for appropriate street trees. The developer may plant a tree species not included on this list when approved by the Community Development Director.

**Table 14.32.400(F) TREES APPROVED FOR STREET TREE PLANTING**

**\*\*THE SPACING OF STREET TREES WILL BE ON AVERAGE 30 FEET ON CENTER, EXCEPT IN SPECIAL PLANTING DESIGNATED OR APPROVED BY A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.**

**Class I** Ultimate height to thirty feet; for use where planter strip is less than four feet, or where there are overhead wires.

List of Acceptable Trees for Class I

Flowering Ash	Glorybower	Shadbush
Bitter Cherry	Goldenrain tree	Shantung Maple
Chitalpa	Lavelle Hawthorne	Silver Bell
Flowering Dogwood	Japanese Lilac	Tartarian Maple
Eastern Redbud	Amur Maple	Trident Maple
Franklin	Paperbark Maple	

**Class II** Ultimate height thirty-one to fifty feet, for use where planter strip is four to eight feet.

List of Acceptable trees for Class II

Claret Ash	Chinese Scholar Crimson	Hedge Maple
European Ash	Chinese Elm	Red Maple
Green Ash	American Hornbeam	Schwedleri Norway Maple
Modesto Ash	King Norway Maple	Forest Green Hungarian Oak
Oregon Ash	Columnar Norway Maple	Westminister Globe Oak
Tupelo		

**Class III** Ultimate height fifty-one feet and above, for use where planter strip is greater than six feet.

List of Acceptable Trees for Class III

White Alder	Douglas Fir	Northern Red Oak
Blue Ash	Gingko (Male Only)	Pin Oak

White Ash	Western Hemlock	Red Oak
White Birch	Japanese Zelkova	Scarlet Oak
American Birch	Katsura	Shumard Oak
Columnar European Beech	Kentucky Coffee Tree	Swamp White Oak
European Beech	London Plane	White Oak
Bald Cypress	Norway Maple	Willow Oak
Atlas Cedar	Sugar Maple	Oregon Myrtle
Deodar Cedar	Sycamore Maple	Pecan
Western Red Cedar	Burr Oak	
Common Hackberry	English Oak	

Trees Recommended for Riparian Soils\*\*

Red Alder	American Elm	Oregon Oak Red Oak
Green Ash	Little Leaf Linden	White Oak
Oregon Ah	Big Leaf Maple	Sweetgum
White Ash	Red Maple	Tupelo
Western Catalpa	Silver Maple	Ginkgo (Male Only)
Bald Cypress	Sugar Maple	Hawthorne
Box Elder	Sycamore Maple	Western Hemlock

*\*Riparian soils are soils that are considered "flooded" or "wet land" sites.*

*\*\*Above trees are tolerant of riparian soils, but can be used in other soil conditions as well.*

Trees Recommended for right-of-way use

*\*RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES ARE MAXIMUM 35 FEET IN CANOPY SPREAD DUE TO POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; SEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANTING*

Class I	Class II	Class III
Flowering Ash	Claret Ash	White Alder
Bitter Cherry	European Ash	White 'paper' Birch
Chitalpa	Oregon Ash	Common Hackberry
Flowering Dogwood	Columnar Norway Maple	Male Ginkgo
Eastern Redbud	Hedge Maple	Sugar Maple
Franklin	Tupelo	
Glorybower	Forest Green Hungarian Oak	
Goldenrain tree		
Lavelle Hawthorne		

Amur Maple

Paperbark Maple

Shantung Maple

Tartarian Maple

Trident Maple

Shadbush

Silver Bell

Japanese Lilac

(Ord. 2959 §5(Exh. A (part)), 2007. Formerly 3.2.400)