

## ***7.7 Landscaping, Screening, Buffering, and Fences***

### **7.7.7 Street Tree Requirements.**

#### **E. Tree Planting.**

1. Tree planting standards shall be in accordance with the Site Design Criteria Manual.
2. Each tree planted shall meet the most current version of American Standards for Nursery Stock ANSI Z60.1, and shall have a minimum size of three-inch caliper measured six inches above grade, unless the trees are planted as replacement for the removal of existing trees, in which case the trees must have a minimum size of two inches dbh. Any tree that does not meet ANSI Z60.1 may be rejected by the Director.

#### **F. Maintenance.**

##### **1. Property Owner Responsibility.**

- a. Street trees shall be maintained by the adjoining property owner.
- b. It is the adjoining property owner's responsibility to water, prune, fertilize, and treat for insect and disease, as may be deemed necessary. All incurred costs are to be borne by the property owner.
- c. It is the adjoining property owner's responsibility to remove any hazardous or dead tree, as may be deemed necessary. All incurred costs are to be borne by the property owner.

2. **Tree Canopy Clearance Height.** All trees shall be maintained by pruning and other necessary care by the adjacent property owner to ensure a minimum clearance of 15 vertical feet from the curb line, 15 vertical feet from an alley, and eight vertical feet from the sidewalk.

3. **Removal of Trees or Plantings in Public Right-of-Way.** The city may prune or remove any tree or planting that constitutes a hazard to person or property or for any other reason for trees and plantings located in public right-of-way or in a landscape maintenance easement.

4. **Pruning.** All pruning shall be in accordance with the most current version of American National Standards for Tree Care Operations ANSI A300.

5. **Tree Replacement.** The city may replace an approved street tree or other planting that has died or may have been removed for any reason, or plant additional street trees deemed appropriate and consistent with available resources.

6. **Abuse or Mutilation.** It shall be unlawful for any person to break, destroy, or mutilate any approved street tree, or to set fire or permit any fire to cause damage to any portion of any street tree, or to attach or place any rope or wire, sign, poster or other device on any street tree. Each occurrence shall constitute a distinct and separate offense.

##### **7. Trees Adjacent to Overhead Electric Utilities.**

Street trees planted adjacent to overhead electric distribution lines shall be of a species having a mature height less than 30 feet to accommodate maintenance of a 10-foot minimum separation between vegetation and electric lines.