

12.36.100 Street tree standards.

A. The species of the street trees to be planted shall be chosen from the approved street tree list unless approval of another species is given by the Central Point planning commission.

B. Street trees shall be a minimum of one and one-half inches in caliper measured at six inches above ground level. All trees shall be healthy grown nursery stock with a single straight trunk, a well developed leader with tops and roots characteristic of the species cultivar or variety. All trees must be free of insects, diseases, mechanical injury, and other objectionable features when planted.

C. Small or narrow stature trees (under twenty-five feet tall and less than sixteen feet wide branching) should be spaced no greater than twenty feet apart; medium sized trees (twenty-five feet to forty feet tall, sixteen feet to thirty-five feet wide branching) should be spaced no greater than thirty feet apart; and large trees (over forty feet tall and more than thirty-five feet wide branching) should be spaced no greater than forty feet apart. Within residential developments, street trees should be evenly spaced, with variations to the spacing permitted as approved by the city for specific site limitations and safety purposes. Within commercial and industrial development staggered, or irregular spacing is permitted, as may be approved by the Central Point planning commission.

D. When located adjacent to a local residential street or minor collector street, street trees shall be planted within a curb-side landscape strip measuring a minimum of three feet in width. Street trees adjacent to major collector streets or arterial streets shall be placed a minimum of four feet from the back edge of the sidewalk. In no case shall a tree be planted closer than two and one-half feet from the face of a curb.

E. Street trees shall not be planted within ten feet of fire hydrants, utility poles, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or water lines, or within twenty feet of street light standards or street intersections, or within five feet of an existing street tree. Variations to these distances may be granted by the public works director and as may be required to ensure adequate clear vision.

F. Existing street trees shall be retained unless approved by the city manager for removal during site development or in conjunction with a street construction project. Sidewalks of a variable width and elevation may be utilized as approved by the city manager or his designee to save existing street trees. Any street tree removed through demolition or construction within the street right-of-way shall be replaced at a location approved by the city with a tree, or trees, of similar value. As an alternative the property owner may be required to pay to the city an amount sufficient to fund the planting and establishment by the city of a tree of similar value. The value of the removed tree shall be calculated using the methods set forth in the edition then in effect of the "Guide for Plant Appraisal" published by the International Society of Arboriculture Council of Tree Landscape Appraisers. The developer or applicant shall be responsible for the cost of the planting, maintenance and establishment of the replacement tree.

G. Sidewalk cuts in concrete for tree planting shall be a minimum of four feet by six feet, with the long dimension parallel to the curb.

H. Street trees, as they grow, shall be pruned to provide at least eight feet of clearance above sidewalks and fourteen feet above local streets, sixteen feet above collector streets, and eighteen feet above arterial streets. This provision shall be waived in the case of newly planted trees so long as they do not interfere with public travel, sight distances, or endanger public safety as determined by the city.

I. Maintenance of street trees, other than those located in the downtown core area (defined as that area bordered by Manzanita, Oak, Front and 6th Streets) shall be the continuing obligation of the abutting property owner. (Ord. 1984 §1, 2014; Ord. 1969 §1(part), 2013; Ord. 1821 §1(part), 2001).