

Sec. 30-415. - Preservation of trees and other vegetation; tree planting requirements.

All subdivisions shall be planned, designed, constructed and maintained consistent with the following, at the city's discretion:

- (1) Existing healthy trees and native vegetation on the site shall be preserved to the maximum extent feasible and shall be protected by adequate means during construction.
- (2) Where inadequate vegetation exists on land not being disturbed for development, permanent vegetation shall be established as soon as possible.
- (3) Following construction, vegetation suitable to the site shall be planted. The type of species of tree planted shall be approved by the city. Trees with root structures that are less likely to interfere with utility lines or sidewalks or cause other nuisance damage are preferable. Trees shall have a trunk diameter (measured 12 inches above ground level) of not less than two inches, and shall be planted in not less than one cubic yard of good growing soil with a suitable amount of fertilizer. Approved multiple varieties shall be used alternately. Plantings shall include boulevard trees and front yard trees. Boulevard trees shall be planted at intervals of at least one tree per lot at a distance of at least six feet but less than 12 feet from behind the curb. Corner lots shall require two boulevard trees, one per street frontage. Yard trees shall also be planted at intervals of one tree per lot and located between the edge of the right-of-way and the front of the house. Corner lots shall require two yard trees, one per street frontage. Planting of the trees shall be the responsibility of the developer and maintenance shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- (4) Consistent with approved grading plans, existing trees shall be preserved within any right-of-way when such trees are suitably located and in good health.
- (5) No slash, dead trees, or uprooted stumps shall remain after development.

(Code 1982, § 1008.14(7))

Cross reference— Vegetation, ch. 82.