

ARTICLE VI. - LANDSCAPING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICATION STANDARDS



ORDINANCE NO. 21-

Text Amendment: To amend the Chapter 40 Article VI Sec. 40-175, Sec. 40-177, to update the ordinance to provide protections for heritage trees.

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Sec. 40-175. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

[Heritage Tree means a canopy tree listed on the Town's landscaping/buffer yard information guide and plant selection list, with a caliper larger than 6"](#)

Sec. 40-177. - Tree/landscape plan.

- (a) Required. A tree/landscaping plan shall be required for all clearing, grading, or other earth disturbing activity proposals. The plan must contain the information set forth in subsection (b) of this section (the required tree/landscape plan can be incorporated into the general site plan).
- (b) Landscape plan submittal requirements. The landscape plan shall contain the following information:
 - (1) General location, type, and quantity of existing plant materials.
 - (2) Existing plant materials and areas to be left in natural state.
 - (3) Methods and details for protecting existing plant materials during construction and the approved erosion control plan, if required.
 - (4) Locations, size and labels for all proposed plants.
 - (5) Plant lists with common name, quantity, and spacing and size of all proposed landscape material at the time of planting.
 - (6) Location and description of other landscape improvements, such as earth berms, walls, fences, screens, sculptures, fountains, street furniture, lights, and courtyards or paved areas.
 - (7) Planting and installation details as necessary to ensure conformance with all required standards.

- (8) Location and type of irrigation system, if applicable.
 - (9) Location of any proposed buildings.
 - (10) Layout of parking and traffic patterns.
 - (11) Location of overhead and underground utilities.
 - (12) Location of signage.
 - (13) Connections to existing streets.
 - (14) Zoning designation of adjacent properties.
 - (15) Landscape plan shall be drawn to scale and include a north arrow and necessary interpretive legends.
- (c) Information guide and plant selection list. A landscaping/buffer yard information guide and plant selection list is available from the Zoning Administrator.
- (d) All vacant lots and demolitions proposed for new construction will be required to submit a list of trees in the required setback area except for driveway areas, before any ground disturbance. Trees to be left shall be marked with an (L) on the submitted list and marked with flagging on site; trees to be removed shall be marked with an (R) on the submitted list. For each heritage tree removed, one 2.5-inch caliper heritage tree must be planted.

(Code 1986, app. A, § 8.8; Ord. No. 05-598, 7-12-2005)

Adopted this ____ day of _____.

LeAnn Pierce, Mayor

Attest: _____

Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk