



## Landscape Ordinance Update March 2025

Laura Mueller, City Attorney

City Staff have been working on working on a landscape ordinance with the primary purpose of clarifying issues based on input from the development community and the staff that are charged with enforcing the ordinance. The main changes are:

1. Additional verbiage related to enforcement in City Limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction;
2. Clear separation of what tree and landscaping requirements are applicable in City Limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (See Attachment "A")
3. Clarification of phasing;
4. Appeal Procedures for Development Review Committee decisions; and
5. Additional information related to irrigation.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval followed by education through the City Website and through direct contact from the Building and Planning Departments.

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

<b>Regulation</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>ETJ</b>
Residential Requirements – Divisions 1 & 2	Yes	No
Prohibition on Heritage Tree Removal – Platting/Site Plans	Yes	Yes
Limitation on Standard Tree Removal – Platting/Site Plans	Yes	Yes
Street Trees – Platting/Site Plans	Yes	No
Landscape Buffers	Yes	No
Landscape material	Yes	Yes
Landscape Plan and Tree Survey	Yes	Yes
Parking area landscaping	Yes	No
Screening of dumpsters and building service equipment	Yes	No
Maintenance requirements	Yes	Yes
Integrated pest management	Yes	Yes
Tree Preservation	Yes	Yes
Mitigation for tree removal	Yes	Yes
Irrigation requirements	Yes	Yes (if irrigation planned)
Oak Wilt Management	Yes	Yes
Turf Grass Areas	Yes	Yes
Soils	Yes	Yes
Xeriscape materials	Yes	Yes