

City of Kaukauna Tree Planting and Replacement Policy

Section 1: Purpose

To promote urban forestry, enhance environmental quality, and maintain the aesthetic and ecological value of public spaces by regulating the planting, replacement, and removal of city trees on city property.

Section 2: Definitions

City Tree: Any tree located on city owned property such as parks, not including Right of way unless the city owned property abuts the right of way.

Replacement Tree: A tree planted to replace a dead, diseased, or hazardous city tree.

New Tree Addition: Planting of trees where none previously existed or where the planting significantly alters the existing landscape.

Reforestation: Any substantial redesign or restructuring of existing tree layouts or landscaping plans.

Section 3: Tree Replacement Policy

Replacement of dead or hazardous city trees does not require approval from the Plan Commission or other Boards/Councils.

The Department of Public Works, shall oversee and approve all replacement tree plantings.

Replacement trees must be of appropriate species, size, and location as determined by City Staff.

Section 4: New Tree Additions and Reforestation

Any proposal involving:

- Planting of new trees in undeveloped or previously non-landscaped areas,
- Significant changes to existing tree layouts (reforestation),
- Or projects that impact the overall landscape design,

must receive approval from the following bodies:

1. Plan Commission
2. Board of Public Works
3. Common Council

Proposals must include:

- A detailed site plan,
- Species and quantity of trees,
- Maintenance plan,
- Environmental impact assessment (if applicable).

Section 5: Implementation and Oversight

- The Department of Public Works shall maintain a public record of all tree replacements and new plantings.
- A report shall be submitted to the Common Council summarizing tree planting activities and future plans upon request.

Section 6: Tree species approved for planting on City Property

SMALL TREES (Below 30' Maximum Height) – Acceptable trees for terraces with overhead power lines and/or if terrace is 3-5 feet wide. May be planted in wider terraces.

Amur Maple (Tree Form)
Tatarian Maple
Serviceberry
American Hornbeam
Cockspur Thornless Hawthorne
Amur Maakia
Flowering Crabapple
Ironwood
Newport Plum
Princess Kay Plum
Canada Red Chokecherry
Peking Lilac

Japanese Tree Lilac

MEDIUM TREES (30'-45' Maximum Height) – Acceptable trees for terraces that are 5-8 feet wide. May be planted in wider terraces.

Shatung Maple
Turkish Filbert
Amur Corktree (male)
Callery Pear
Korean Mountain Ash

LARGE TREES (Above 45' Maximum Height) – Acceptable trees for terraces 8 foot and wider.

Freeman Maple
Miyabe Maple
Norway Maple
Sugar Maple
Horsechestnut
Ruby Red Horsechestnut 'Briotii'
Hackberry
Katsuratree
Hardy Rubber Tree
Ginkgo (male)
Thornless Honeylocust
Kentucky Coffeetree
Tuliptree
White Oak
Swamp White Oak
Bur Oak
English Oak
Red Oak
Chinkapin Oak
Yellowwood
American Linden
Littleleaf Linden
Silver Linden
Hybrid Elm

Other trees approved for planting on City property

Arborvitae
Blue Beech
Crab Apple

Eastern White Pine
Ginkgo(Male)
Honey Locust
Kentucky Coffeetree
Oak
Redmond Linden
Serviceberry
Shagbark Hickory
Spruce
Sugar Maple
Tulip Tree