

12.20.010 – Definitions

As used within this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth in this Section:

- A. “Parkway” – A portion of the right-of-way (“ROW”) between the edge of the pavement structure or curbing and the lot or parcel adjacent to the ROW. The parkway may include sidewalk, driveway, trees, shrubs, seeded and/or sodded lawn areas and utility services as defined in Chapter 12.04.005.
- B. “Arborist” – The City Arborist of St. Charles, Illinois, a position requiring expertise in the field of arboriculture.
- C. “Shrubbery” – A group of low, usually several stemmed woody plants.
- D. “Property Owner” – The record owner or contract purchaser of any parcel of land.
- E. “Tree” – A woody perennial plant having a main stem or trunk exceeding ten feet in height at maturity.
- F. “Root Flare” – The exposed roots that flare out from the base of the tree.
- G. “Volcano Mulching” – Mulch that has been piled up too high around the trunk of the tree similar to a volcano.
- H. “ISA” – International Society of Arboriculture.
- I. Right of Way or ROW – A strip of land occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, sidewalk and/or railroad, and by electrical transmission lines, oil or gas pipelines, water mains, sanitary or storm sewer mains, trees and/or for other special uses. The usage of the term “right-of-way” for land platting purposes shall mean that every right-of-way hereafter established and shown on a final plat is to be separate and distinct from the lots or parcels adjoining such right-of-way and not included within the dimensions or areas of such lots or parcels. Right-of-ways intended for streets, crosswalks, water mains, sanitary sewers, storm drains, trees or any other use involving maintenance by a public agency shall be dedicated to public use by the make of the plat on which such right-of-way is established as defined by Chapter 12.30.30.

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