

12.20.030 – Tree planting requirements

These requirements shall apply to any planting of trees as a result of subdivision/development or replacement.

A. Size of Street Trees

Street trees to be planted or replanted shall have a trunk diameter (measured twelve inches above the ground) of not less than two and one-half inches. All new subdivisions shall have all street parkways planted with trees with a trunk diameter (measured twelve inches above the ground) of not less than two and one-half inches.

B. Spacing

1. Types of trees which attain a mature height of over fifty feet shall be planted not more than forty feet apart and not less than twenty feet apart nor within twenty feet of another tree outside the property line or within the parkway.
2. Types of trees used that have a mature height of less than fifty feet or are of narrow spreading habit shall be planted not more than thirty feet apart and not less than twenty feet apart nor within twenty feet of another tree outside the property line or within the parkway.
3. Small ornamental types of trees shall be planted not less than fifteen feet apart or within fifteen feet of another tree outside the property line or within the parkway.

C. Location

1. Trees shall be planted at least five – ten feet from all sidewalks, driveways or other paved areas.
2. Trees shall be centered in the parkway.
3. If the width of the parkway is less than five feet, only small ornamental type trees shall be planted.
4. No tree shall be allowed to be planted if parkway is less than three feet.
5. Trees shall be at least twenty feet from the property corner at all street intersections.
6. On corner lots, no planting shall be maintained higher than thirty inches above the centerline grade of the lowest intersecting street if located within the triangular portion of a front or side yard situated within twenty feet of a lot corner formed by the intersection of any two street right of way lines.
7. Only small ornamental type trees shall be planted under all overhead electric power lines.
(Ord. 2007-M-56 § 1)

D. Tree Species

Selection of street trees shall give preference to species native to the Northern Illinois region. All trees shall be transplanted from stock grown in Northern Illinois. The following list of trees is restricted from use in any area covered by this ordinance.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Maple - Norway	Acer Platanoides
Weeping	Salix Niba
Poplars (except Cottonless Cottonwood)	Populus Albo and Others
Box Elder	Acer Negundo
Tree of Heaven	Ailanthus Altissima
Chinese Elm	Ulmus Siberica
Female Ginkgo	Ginkgo Biloba - Female
Mulberry	Morus Alba and Others
Black Locust	Robinis Pseudoscacis

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Sycamore	Platanus Occidentalis
Maple - Silver	Acer Saccharinum
All Fruit Trees	
All Ash Trees	
Pine or Spruce Trees	
Russian Olive	Elaeagnus Angustifolia
Amur Cork Tree	Amurense
Cherry – Ornamental	Prunus Avium
Chokecherry – Canada Red	Prunus Virginiana Canada Red
Fringetree	Chionanthus Virginicus
Pear – Callery	Pyrus Calleryana

(2019-M-9 : § 1; 2007-M-56 : § 1; 1998-M-28 : § 1; 1992-M-66 : § 1; 1992-M-47 : § 1; 1988-M-98 : § 1; 1986-M-63 : § 12.502; Prior code : § 12.503; 12.504; 12.505; 12.507; and 12.508)