

City of De Soto Street Tree Requirements

The City requires that 'Street Trees' be installed along all development adjacent to a local or collector street. One (1) large, deciduous tree is to be planted along every forty (40) lineal feet of street frontage. This includes driveways, cul de sacs, corner lots, and so on.

Given that it is impossible to plant trees at exact 40-foot intervals, there will be an occasion to plant more than one tree on even a relatively narrow residential lot. Contractors should consult with the subdivision developer to determine how many trees will be required on their particular lot. Spacing between the trees should be as uniform as possible, and more importantly, the sum total of trees must equate to one for every 40-feet of street frontage.

Street trees and other landscaping may only be planted within City rights-of-way with the express approval of the Planning Commission. Plantings may not be located within the Site Triangle, as defined in Article 2 of the Zoning Regulations.

Large Deciduous Trees are defined as those having a minimum caliper, or diameter, of 2 inches, as measured at least 6 inches above the ground level. Examples of appropriate tree types: oak, maple, ash, hickory, or thornless honey locust. Prohibited tree types: box elder, soft maple, hackberry, American Elm, poplar ailanthus, willow or mimosa. When more than 10 trees are required to be planted, a mix of species must be provided.

Please refer to Article 8 of the Zoning Regulations for additional information, available at www.desotoks.us

In accordance with the Zoning Regulations, the following forms must be signed and submitted to the City Building Official prior to the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy.

1. A Landscape Maintenance Agreement and Guarantee, attached herein, is to be signed by the responsible party, either the developer or the individual property owner.
2. A Certificate of Landscaping Installation, attached herein, is to be signed by the responsible party, typically the building contractor or subcontractor.