

Sec. 54-46. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Park trees means trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation in public parks having individual names, and all areas owned by the city, or to which the public has free access as a park.

Street trees means trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation on land lying between the curb, pavement line and the property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or ways within the city.

(Code 1974, § 2-86)

Cross references: Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 54-51. Street tree species to be planted.

The following species of street trees may be planted in the city:

TABLE INSET:

Small Trees	Medium Trees	Large Trees
Redbud	Golden rain tree	Live oak
Hawthorn	Bald cypress	Bur oak
Flowering dogwood (except southwest part of city) Crepe myrtle	Sweetgum (except in southwest part of city) Caddo maple	Red oak (shumard) Water oak (except southwest part of city)
Japanese black pine Gum elastic Arizona cypress	Loblolly pine (except southwest part of city) Slash pine	Chinese pistachio Cedar elm Chinese tallow
Eastern red cedar	Big tooth maple	Southern magnolia
Mesquite	River birch	Pecan
Mexican plum	Deodar cedar	
Callary pear	Desert willow	
	Western soap berry	
	Chinese elm (parvifolia)	

(Code 1974, § 2-91)

Cross references: Streets and sidewalks, ch. 70.

Sec. 54-52. Spacing of street trees.

The spacing of street trees will be in accordance with the three species size classes listed in section 54-51, and no trees may be planted closer together than the following without approval of the tree board: small trees, 20 feet; medium trees, 30 feet; and large trees, 40 feet.

(Code 1974, § 2-92)

Sec. 54-53. Distance from curb and sidewalk.

The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curblines and sidewalks will be in accordance with the three species size classes listed in section 54-51, and no trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: small trees, two feet; medium trees, three feet; and large trees, four feet; in accordance with existing city ordinances.

(Code 1974, § 2-93)

Sec. 54-54. Distance from street corners and fire hydrants.

No street tree shall be planted closer than 20 feet of any street corner, measured from the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curblines. No street tree shall be placed closer than ten feet of any fire hydrant.

(Code 1974, § 2-94)

Sec. 54-55. Obstructing utilities.

No street trees other than those species listed as small trees in section 54-51 may be planted under or within ten lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within five lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission line or other utility.

(Code 1974, § 2-95)

Cross references: Streets and sidewalks, ch. 70; utilities, ch. 86.

Sec. 54-56. Trimming and corner clearance.

Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the city shall trim the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any streetlamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the street or right-of-way. The city shall have the right to trim any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign. Such trimming is to be confined to the area immediately above the right-of-way.

(Code 1974, § 2-97)

Sec. 54-57. Public tree care.

The city shall have the right to plant, trim, spray, preserve and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure safety when servicing city utilities or to preserve the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The tree board may remove, or cause or order to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is located on public property or municipal utility easement which, by reason of its nature, is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines or other public improvements, or is afflicted with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest.

(Code 1974, § 2-96)

Sec. 54-58. Interference with the tree board.

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the tree board, or its authorized agents, while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying or removing of any street trees and park trees as authorized in this article.

(Code 1974, § 2-98)

Sec. 54-59. Review by city council.

The city council shall have the right to review the conduct, acts and decisions of the tree board. Any person may appeal from any ruling or order of the tree board to the city council, who may hear the matter and make final decision.

(Code 1974, § 2-99)

Secs. 54-60--54-80. Reserved.