

Sec. 126-16. - Landscape maintenance.

- (a) The owner and occupant is responsible to ensure that landscaping required to be planted pursuant to this ordinance [chapter] is installed in compliance with the landscape requirements; maintained as to present a healthy, vigorous, and neat appearance free from refuse and debris; and sufficiently fertilized and watered to maintain the plant material in a healthy condition.
- (b) If any tree or plant dies which is being used to satisfy current landscape code requirements, such tree or plant shall be replaced with the same landscape material or an approved substitute.
- (c) Trees shall be pruned in the following manner:
 - (1) All cuts shall be clean, flush and at junctions, laterals or crotches. All cuts shall be made as close as possible to the trunk or parent limb, without cutting into the branch collar or leaving a protruding stub.
 - (2) Removal of dead wood, crossing branches, weak or insignificant branches, and sucker shall be accomplished simultaneously without any reduction in crown.
 - (3) Cutting of lateral branches that results in the removal of more than one-third of all branches on one side of a tree shall only be allowed if required for hazard reduction or clearance pruning.
 - (4) Lifting of branches or tree thinning shall be designed to distribute over half of the tree mass in the lower two-thirds of the tree.
 - (5) No more than one-third of a tree's living canopy shall be removed within a one-year period.
 - (6) Trees shall be pruned according to the current ANSI A300 Standards.
- (d) All street trees as well as any other landscape material in the right-of-way are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to maintain up to the edge of pavement for the travel lanes or the centerline of the right-of-way if no travel lanes are present.

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