

§ 156.167 TREE PLANTING

Required trees should be planted in the front yard out of the right of way and a minimum of 15 feet from the curb line and shall not be planted in a manner that interferes with any current or planned utility line. Trees may not be planted under a power line except low growing varieties approved by the City for such locations.

§§ 156.168 THROUGH 156.177 RESERVED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

§ 156.178 LANDSCAPING.

(A) *Minimum quantities.*

(1) All new development activities, including site modifications or use intensifications, shall be subject to landscaping improvements.

(2) The following table illustrates guidelines within each zoning district:

<i>District</i>	<i>Overstory Trees</i>	<i>Foundation Plantings⁴</i>
R-1	2 trees/unit/street frontage ¹	None
R-2, R-4 and R-5	2 trees/unit/open space exposure ²	None
R-2A	8 trees plus two trees/unit ³	None
B-1	8 trees or 1/3,000 sq. ft. site area ⁵	1/10 ft. building and parking area
M-1 and M-2	8 trees or 1/3,000 sq. ft. site area ⁵	1/10 ft. building and parking area
I-1	8 trees or 1/3,000 sq. ft. site area ⁵	1/10 ft. building and parking area
P-1	8 trees or 1/3,000 sq. ft. site area ⁵	1/10 ft. building and parking area

NOTES:

¹ Trees shall be deciduous and planted off the boulevard but in the front yard area.

² Trees shall be deciduous. Unit exposures with street frontage shall be planted in the front yard area consistent with section 156.181.

³ Tree spacing must include trees at near the boulevard at minimum 50-foot intervals.

⁴ The calculation for the number of foundation plantings is based upon one planting for each lineal foot of building perimeter and parking lot perimeter. Plantings may be grouped rather than dispersed at 10-foot intervals.

⁵ The required number of trees is based upon a minimum of eight trees or one tree per 3,000 square feet of site area, whichever is greater. Tree spacing must include trees at the boulevard at minimum 50-foot intervals.

Comment: [Dallas wanted no trees in city right-of-way, and no less than 15 feet from curbline.] This policy is directly counter to Dallas' suggestion. Should P&Z decide this issue?

(B) *Minimum standards.*

(1) *Overstory trees:*

(a) *Deciduous trees.* Two and one-half inch caliper planting size, balled and burlapped.

(b) *Coniferous trees.* Six feet in height planting size, balled and burlapped.

(2) *Foundation plantings.* Coniferous and deciduous shrubs shall be planted at a minimum of 1/3 the mature spread and height of typical growth habits.

(3) *Front-yard trees.* All front-yard trees shall be hardwood shade trees or flowering trees. Where overhead utility lines exist, only low growing varieties approved for planting under utility lines shall be allowed.

(4) *Overstory mix.* When multiple quantities of overstory trees are required, at least 75 percent of the trees required shall be deciduous trees.

(5) *Hardiness.* All landscape materials proposed shall be consistent with Minnesota Hardiness Zones, whether indigenous or foreign. Plant species must all be tolerant to snow storage, exposure to salt and sun scald in parking areas.

(6) *Diversification.* In any development in which at least eight overstory trees or foundation plantings are required, at least three varieties of boulevard trees are required on each side of the block.

(7) *Warranty.* All required landscape materials shall be warranted for growth for a minimum of two years after planting.