

Top 10 City Code Objectives from the Tree Commission

1. **Designate a minimum number and size of trees or something for parks developments (more trees in parks was a specific request of the citizens in the general planning process).**
Development of parks is reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Division. Planning does not review plans for parks. Rhett would need to build additional tree purchases and ongoing maintenance into his budget. The Council has the ultimate say as to if the budget request is approved.
2. **Make it easier for anyone doing developments - the city, commercial developers, and residents to quickly see the code requirements; hopefully that means you don't have to go to multiple places to piece things together and no chance of finding conflicts.**
Planning staff can move the requirement for parking lot landscaping to the landscaping chapter. It would make more sense to have it in that section of the Zoning Code. There are no requirements for residential landscaping in the code.
3. **Make it easy to enforce. Today there are all kinds of things that aren't enforced or are difficult to enforce/shouldn't be enforced.**
This is an item that needs more clarification. Provide examples. The City Council would have to create a policy about enforcement and who would be responsible for the enforcement. Enforcement cannot be done by volunteers. Code enforcement must be handled by a Draper City employee. Depending on what they are asking for this may again require a budget allocation for a new employee. Current code enforcement employee is at capacity.
4. **Make the street trees a living document referenced in the code so we can change the tree list without changing the code and going to City Council (if possible).**
Section 3-1-230 allows the tree commission to develop and recommend a street tree guide to the City Council. The street tree guide is not required to be adopted by ordinance. The current guide is adopted by resolution and should continue to be adopted that way. By having it adopted by resolution it can be modified more quickly than through the ordinance. Planning staff can add a statement to the landscaping chapter that all trees must be selected from the approved street tree guide to make it more clear.
5. **Make the street trees a cleaner consolidated list so we accomplish the goals of street trees.**
The Tree Commission can review and update the list as necessary. Staff would also recommend that a list of trees appropriate for residential is created too. The current street tree list is for commercial projects only. It would be helpful to have a residential list based on elevation, soil conditions and the type of water used.

6. **Make it clear on street tree planting requirements to avoid trees being planted in road base; new street tree planting spec.**

Planning staff can work with Engineering to create standard details for planting of trees within the park strip. Contractors will be expected to comply with this standard and city staff will follow up on any complaints received.

7. **Remove the requirements (supposedly not there anymore) for parking lot tree islands/diamonds; move the landscaping square footage requirements to the outside.**

Tree diamonds are a deviation, not the standard. The standard is to have landscaped islands in between each row of parking that are a minimum of five feet wide. One tree is required for every 300 square feet of internal landscaping. Planning staff can propose a change to the Zoning Code to remove that tree diamond deviation. It should be noted that this will only apply to projects in zoning districts other than a CSD. CSD's can create the standard in their individual districts to have the tree diamonds. The Tree Commission can discuss not allowing tree diamonds in CSD's with the City Council as a policy goal. The City Council ultimately approves the CSD and all of the standards in it.

8. **Incorporate relevant and desirable Utah Valley Water Conservancy District suggestions.**

The Tree Commission can determine what suggestions are relevant and have a policy discussion with the City Council.

9. **Requirements for water and trees for city entrances (while we have the budget and equipment etc. rather than try to re-design and fund later).**

This will ultimately be the decision of the City Council. The city entrances would typically be on city property and the Council can make that decision along with the Parks and Recreation Division.

10. **Clarity on ownership of park strip and street trees; who owns maintenance and responsibility to re-plant. Give the residents and/or developers the option to plant the trees on the owner side of the sidewalk instead of in the park strip where there are issues such as too narrow park strips or heavy snow build-up (such as in SunCrest).**

The adjacent property owners are responsible for the park strip in front of their property.

11. **It would be awesome if we could create requirements for trees along walking trails as they are developed (people like to have shade in the summer time and just don't use the trails as much as a result).**

This would be under the review of the parks and trails committee.