

**CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. O-20-704**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY,  
WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 12.10 OF THE MAPLE  
VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “ROAD STANDARDS”  
PROVIDING FOR CLARITY AND ESTABLISHING PLANTING  
STANDARDS FOR STREET TREES**

WHEREAS, Washington State law allows for periodic updates to City Municipal code as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Valley wishes to amend the street trees and landscaping code to update sections regarding street trees in public rights of way to include specific trees for specific landscape strip widths as well as add a planting detail; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission discussed street tree code amendments at Planning Commission meetings held on June 3 , 17, and July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 1, 2020, to solicit comment regarding the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission Chair provided the hand-off of the Planning Commission recommendations to the City Council and City staff introduced the proposed amendments on July 27, 2020 at a regular City Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Amendment.** Section 12.10.48 of Maple Valley Municipal Code Section entitled “Street Trees and Landscaping” is hereby amended to read as follows: (new text shown in underline; deleted text shown in ~~striketrough~~):

12.10.480 Street trees and landscaping.

A. Street trees and landscaping should be incorporated into the design of road improvements for all classifications of roads. Such landscaping in the right-of-way shall be coordinated with off-street landscaping required on developer’s property under the provisions of Maple Valley requirements.

B. Landscape strips are required along all roads except neighborhood access. The design of landscape strips must be approved by the Public Works Director and must include a landscaping plan in which plant maintenance, utilities and traffic safety requirements are discussed.

C. Existing trees and landscaping shall be preserved where not in conflict with utilities and public health and safety and placement of new trees shall be compatible with other features of the environment. In particular, maximum heights and spacing shall not conflict unduly with overhead utilities, or root development with underground utilities. If street trees are planted, they shall conform to Exhibit A within the City's street tree list, reasonably to standards in Drawing No. MV-5-009.

D. New trees may be approved for street planting on public rights-of-way in the City of Maple Valley from the street tree list maintained by the Department of Community Development or alternate species may be approved by the Director of Community Development. Refer to the street tree list for spacing requirements. ~~Street trees shall be placed at an average of 30-foot intervals on both sides of the street.~~ (Ord. O-17-616 § 2 (Att. A); Ord. O-04-261 Exh. A, § 5.03).

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

**Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF  
ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY

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Sean P. Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Patricia Taraday, City Attorney

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