

## **City of Visalia Street Tree Requirements – Partial Excerpts**

### **Preplanting / Improvement Plans**

The Developer shall provide a street tree plan for all new developments. This can be a comprehensive plan, or a typical section which would be applied to the entire site. This plan shall specify tree species, location and spacing. The plan shall be submitted to the City of Visalia with the improvement plans. Street trees shall be managed through a Landscape and Lighting District. Improvement and street tree plans shall show locations of any overhead utility lines.

### **Planting**

The developer shall plant one to two street tree(s) per lot (depending on tree and or lot size) or three to four per corner lot. Six feet of linear root barriers shall be required along the back of curb and front of sidewalk.

### **Planting Location**

Street trees shall be planted in the public right of way, easements and medians along transportation corridors.

1. Along streets in concrete cut outs in the sidewalks in commercial areas.
2. In parkways on residential streets in front of homes and in the landscaped area surrounding a development.
3. In a front yard within 10' to 12' of the edge of the right of way and/or easement that extends into private property.
4. In street medians (which are in the center of a roadway separating the lanes of traffic).

### **Tree spacing**

Tree spacing is an important element in a successful landscape. Tree spacing in some areas may vary because of drive approaches, lighting, and utilities.

Small trees - 20' to 25' apart.

Medium size trees - 25' to 35' apart.

Large trees - 30' to 45' apart.

### **Tree Locations**

Trees are not to be planted within:

- 5' of drive approaches
- 5' of sewer lines
- 5' of water lines
- 10' of fire hydrants
- 10' of light poles

Trees are not to be planted within clear vision triangle on corner lots.

Local Streets (30 mph) – 25' distance from side street curb face to first street tree.

Collector Streets (40 mph) – 50' distance from side street curb face to first tree.

Arterial Street (50mph) – 90' distance from side street curb face to first tree.

Trees should not be planted where they will obstruct the views of stop signs or traffic signals.

No tree that grows taller than 25' shall be planted under power lines.

For complete Street Tree Requirements, see the City of Visalia - STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREET TREE PLANTING