



Tree Preservation

Building a Community with Trees

WHAT THE CONTRACTOR NEEDS TO KNOW TO BUILD ON WOODED LOTS

TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT ON WOODED LOTS

- Submit a Forestry Evaluation with Building Permit application if there are clumps of trees or trees greater than 8 inches in diameter on the lot. A Forestry Evaluation or fencing will not be required if trees are located over 50 feet from all construction activity (house pad, driveway, septic drainfield, ect.).
- Install tree protection fencing. Call the Forestry Department at 763-785-6178 to arrange an inspection. **Building permit will not be issued without fencing inspection and approval.** General contractor is responsible for maintaining tree fencing during all construction phases.
- Replacement trees not installed at the time of final building inspection must be escrowed in the amount of \$300 per 8-inch diameter replacement tree(s) at the time of certificate of occupancy. This amount is separate from the required landscaping escrow (sod, black dirt, etc.). Replacement tree must be a minimum of a 2-1/2 inch diameter deciduous or a 6 foot high conifer tree. Required boulevard and yard trees will be credited to the replacement requirements. *If reforestation can not occur on site, the escrow will not be refunded.*

CONSTRUCTION SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Install a **self supporting** Tree Preservation sign at construction drive entrance. Signs and posts may be purchased from Building Department at the cost of \$50 per sign.
- Install and maintain orange plastic, wood lathe, or silt fencing according to Forestry Evaluation plan. Other type of fencing material must be preapproved by City staff.
 - ◆ Install fencing at tree drip-line or at least 10 feet from tree base.
 - ◆ Fencing must be installed up to a distance of 50 feet from building foundation or area of site disturbance (septic, driveway, etc.).
 - ◆ Fencing must be installed along lot lines if adjacent lot has trees located within 10 feet of the property line.
- Install retaining walls prior to any grade changes. Walls must be located outside of tree dripline or 10 feet from tree base.
- Keep equipment and storage out of the tree protection zones.

A Stop Work Order will be issued if tree fencing is not present or maintained on-site during construction. No further inspections will occur until fencing complies with the forestry evaluation. If damage occurs within a designated tree protection area, an additional \$250 per tree will be added to the tree replacement escrow.

Trees are valuable to the homeowner and you. Please make every effort to ensure their survival during construction. Thank you for your cooperation in making a better environment.

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**NOTE: THIS IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION NOR A COMPLETE
LISTING OF FORESTERS AVAILABLE IN THE METRO AREA**

CITY OF BLAINE TREE PRESERVATION PLAN

Site Address: _____

Lot: _____ Block: _____ Plat: _____

Forester: _____ Phone: _____

Contractor: _____ Phone: _____

Home Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Lot Size: _____ Date of Evaluation: _____

- Number of Significant Trees to be removed: _____ Attach list of all 8" trees or greater in size lost to a driveway, house construction, grading, septic system, etc.

- Can reforestation occur on site? Yes ____ No ____

List recommended species and proposed locations: _____

- Forest/Tree Description: _____

- Attach tree preservation site survey.

Are all 8" or larger trees and tree masses shown on the entire lot? Yes No N/A
Individual tree locations within 20 feet of the foundation, driveway, or areas with proposed grade changes should be noted.

Are all grade changes proposed for the site including the house pad and driveway shown on the plan with **one foot contours**? Yes No N/A

Do all proposed grade changes within 10 feet of trees show retaining Walls and protection techniques? Yes No N/A

Has the retaining wall been installed prior to grade changes? Yes No N/A
Attach detail of retaining walls.

Have all trees to be removed from the site been clearly marked at eye level with an orange or red spray painted X? Yes No N/A

Have all trees within 10 feet of the foundation been marked for removal? Yes No N/A

Has the utility connection been shown on the survey and has the utility trench been evaluated and adjacent trees protected? Yes No N/A

Has trench location and/or mound for septic system been clearly located on site and plan? Yes No N/A

Has septic system area been protected with fencing? Yes No N/A

Have areas been designated on the site and on the plan for parking, excess fill, and material storage? Yes No N/A

Will the proposed orange plastic fencing (adequately supported by steel posts) be installed prior to any excavating or construction and remain on site during entire construction process? Yes No N/A

Has tree protection been continued around the site perimeter and include the entire perimeter, if necessary, to ensure that vehicle traffic and storage will not occur in tree protection areas? Yes No N/A

Have all trees that are to remain on the site been protected regardless of their size? Yes No N/A

Is disease control required on site?

Describe _____

Explain any NO responses/Additional Comments:

DO NOT PRUNE OR WOUND ANY OAK SPECIES BETWEEN APRIL 15 AND JULY 1
This is the time when Oak Wilt is spread overland to freshly wounded trees.

NOTE: Plan must remain on site during construction process. Failure to comply with Plan will result in:

1. Issuance of stop work order.
2. No further inspections will occur on site.
3. Additional escrow will be required for potential damage to trees.