

On-Site Tree Retention

Intent:

To preserve and promote natural growth of trees and other landscaping plants in order to create a sense of place, attract more customers, and improve the physical environment of the businesses.

Standards:

Mandatory

1. Trees, including street and landscaping trees must be allowed to mature and be maintained without obstructing the visual access to the storefront at a height of at least 30 ft, or a height that best reflects the building design, business and storefront character. For example, taller buildings should plant trees that grow up to 40 to 50 ft or more upon maturity, provided they will not interfere with overhead utility lines. Any alternative must be approved by the Director of the Community Planning.



DO: Large trees properly pruned and maintained offer visibility for businesses.

Recommended

2. Existing mature trees should be preserved with their natural sizes and shapes. Pruning of trees is discouraged when it is not consistent with the approved site plan permit, approved landscape plan, overall site design scheme and specific tree characteristics.
3. Businesses should plant larger tree species according to the City's recommended tree listing.
4. Pruning off only lower branches is recommended as trees grow taller, in order to allow greater visibility of storefronts and provide shading.
5. Businesses should hire International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborists to prune large or small trees.
6. Building layout should be modified to preserve trees. In case it is impossible to preserve existing trees, new trees should be planted at the ratio of at least 2 new trees to replace one mature tree.



DO NOT - Pruning trees from the top branches.