



# Community Development Department

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** City Council via Planning Commission  
**From:** Community Development Department  
**Subject:** Tree Stewardship CODE-11-17-5325  
 Amend Title 15A, Chapter 25, Landscaping Standards,  
 Land Development Code, Revised Ordinances of Sandy  
 City, 2008

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**HEARING NOTICE:** *This Code Amendment was noticed in the paper at least 10 days prior to the first Planning Commission meeting.*

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### BACKGROUND

The Sandy City Public Works Department has filed a request to amend Title 15A, Chapter 25, Landscaping Standards, Land Development Code, Revised Ordinances of Sandy City, 2008. The purpose of the Code Amendment is to make changes in our code that will clarify the City and Citizen responsibilities concerning the maintenance of street trees.

### ANALYSIS

Our Public Works department is seeking some revisions to the current Tree Stewardship Ordinance that will provide further detail and clarity when it comes to the proper maintenance of street trees or trees that are planted in the parkstrip.

The proposed change would make three small changes:

1. Emphasizes that street trees are not permitted within site visibility triangle as per the City's Standard Specifications.
2. Provides clarity on the dimensional requirements of pruning street trees over streets and sidewalks.
3. Clarifies that the City is only required to prune and maintain trees along city maintained streets.

The clean version of all final proposed text is shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. A full detail of all redlined changes is shown in the attached Exhibit "B".

### NON-CONFORMING USES

This Code Amendment would not create any non-conforming situations.

### LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PURPOSE COMPLIANCE

The Sandy City Land Development Code in 15A-01-03 lists the criteria explaining the intent and purpose of the Ordinance. The purpose is:

#### **15A-01-03 Purpose**

This Code is adopted to implement Sandy City's General Plan and to promote: public health, safety, convenience, aesthetics, welfare; efficient use of land; sustainable land use and building practices; transportation options and accessibility; crime prevention; timely citizen involvement in land use decision making; and efficiency in development review and land use administration. Specifically, this Code is established to promote the following purposes:

#### **1. General**

- a. To facilitate the orderly growth and development of Sandy City.
- b. To facilitate adequate provision for transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, and other public requirements.
- c. To stabilize property values.
- d. To enhance the economic well-being of Sandy City and its inhabitants.

#### **2. Implementation of General Plan**

To coordinate and ensure the implementation of the City's General Plan through effective execution of development review requirements, adequate facility and services review and other goals, policies, or programs contained in the General Plan.

#### **3. Comprehensive, Consistent and Equitable Regulations**

To establish a system of fair, comprehensive, consistent and equitable regulations, standards and procedures for review and approval of all proposed land development within the City.

#### **4. Efficiently and Effectively Managed Procedures**

- a. To promote fair procedures that are efficient and effective in terms of time and expense.
- b. To be effective and responsive in terms of the allocation of authority and delegation of powers and duties among ministerial, appointed, and elected officials.
- c. To foster a positive customer service attitude and to respect the rights of all applicants and affected citizens.

The proposed Code Amendment will help facilitate adequate provisions for other public requirements (specifically street trees in parkstrips) within the City.

#### **GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE**

The General Plan encourages appropriate development standards for all uses and zoning categories within Sandy City.

#### **OTHER**

Besides the purposes set out in the ordinances cited above, one of the stated purposes of the City's land use ordinances is to facilitate the orderly growth and development of Sandy City (Rev. Ord. of Sandy City 2008, Section 15A-01-03(A)(1)). Some of the general purposes of the City's Development Code are to implement Sandy City's General Plan, and to promote the following public policies: public health, safety, convenience, aesthetics, welfare; efficient use of land; sustainable land use and building practices; transportation options and accessibility; crime prevention; timely citizen involvement in land use decision making; and efficiency in development review and land use administration (R.O.S.C. Sec. 15A-01-03(A)).

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Development Department requests that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposed ordinance amendment as shown in Exhibit "A", attached, for the following reasons:

1. Compliance with the Purpose of the Land Development Code by helping facilitate adequate provisions for other public requirements (specifically street trees in parkstrips) within the City.
2. Compliance with the Goals and Policies of the General Plan by establishing appropriate development standards for all uses and zoning categories within Sandy City.

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