

Tree Protection Regulation Summaries

NORTH PORT	GAINESVILLE	JACKSONVILLE	SARASOTA COUNTY	TALLAHASSEE
<p>TREE PROTECTION</p> <p><u>Findings of fact:</u> List of social benefits and ecosystem services</p> <p><u>Relationship to Comprehensive Plan</u></p> <p><u>Intent:</u> Preserve existing trees; Develop mix of native forests and planted trees; take advantage of benefits in findings; Establish a comprehensive tree management program; Designate Tree Council as advisory to Commission; Provide smooth transition from rural to built environment;</p> <p><u>Prohibitions:</u> Removing trees without obtaining a permit, unless otherwise exempted; Lots 1 acre or greater provide defensible space; No removal without a development permit; Only natural shaping of trees; Trimming of mangroves must comply with state and fed regs</p> <p><u>Tree removal permit exemptions:</u> Residential lot with CO, unless the tree is part of landscape plan, heritage tree, or needed for 35 cover; Necessary for construction or maintenance of roads and utilities; Ag land; Tree nurseries; Tree farms; Prohibited species; Dead trees; Government agency; Fire fighting</p> <p><u>Permit criteria, procedures and fees:</u> No removal or destruction unless exempt; Must avoid or minimize impact; Environmental assessment in lieu of application; Inspection; Fees for removal without permit; No trees on property; Posting of permit</p> <p><u>Tree canopy development standards:</u> Min 35% canopy in all districts; May clear lot for home but pay mitigation fee</p> <p><u>Administrative variance:</u> Promotes site plan flexibility</p> <p><u>Tree protection during development:</u> Clearly mark all trees to be removed and protect trees to be retained; Inspections</p> <p><u>Tree replacement, relocation and mitigation:</u> Replacement trees; Heritage tree mitigation; 35 canopy cover; Donation of property in lieu of fee; Timing and location; Tree survival; Heritage tree in footprint of roadway; footprint of commercial building</p> <p><u>Heritage and champion trees:</u> Heritage 30-inch DBH; Champion designation</p> <p><u>Establishment of tree fund:</u> Purchase property; Plant trees on priority list; Educate the public; Maintain tree health on public land; Purchasing conservation easement</p> <p><u>Enforcement, penalties for offenses, appeals:</u> Stop work orders; Withhold issuance of building permits and COs; Enforcement; Fines and penalties; Violations; Failure to pay</p> <p><u>Emergency tree removal:</u> When necessary</p> <p><u>Tree planting incentive:</u> City shall develop a program to provide original property owner with ability to replace trees that were removed and a mitigation fee paid</p> <p><u>Priority tree list:</u> Latin name; Spread; Height; Range; Persistence</p> <p><u>Street tree requirements:</u> All street developments; Doesn't count toward 35; Chosen from Major Shade Tree List; Protection of trees in R-O-W and other public places</p> <p>LANDSCAPING</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> To promote the health, safety, and welfare of existing and future residents and visitors</p> <p>Relationship to Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p><u>Findings:</u> List of social benefits and ecosystem services</p> <p><u>Applicability:</u> General; Exemptions; Suspension of requirements</p> <p><u>Prohibited plant species:</u> Scientific and common names</p>	<p>TREES AND LANDSCAPE</p> <p><u>Elements of Compliance:</u> Minimum requirements for landscaped areas; Exemptions to landscaping; Expansions, 50,000 sq ft or more; Expansions, less than 50,000 sg ft; Minimum submittal criteria; Design principles and standards</p> <p><u>Compatibility Buffers:</u> Required buffer strip areas; Buffer widths; Driveways and sidewalks; Existing trees and natural vegetation in buffers; Invasive nonnative vegetation; Sound attenuation; Street trees; Parking structures along a street</p> <p><u>Stormwater Management Areas:</u> Criteria; Individual basins greater than 5,000 sq ft; Individual basins greater than 40,000 sq ft;</p> <p><u>Permits for Tree Removal; Mitigation:</u> Removal or relocation permits; Exemptions; Methods of mitigation; Removal and mitigation of regulated trees subject to subdivision or development plan approval; Removal and mitigation of regulated trees not part of subdivision or development plan approval; Permit approval criteria; Commercial tree removal permits</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation During Development and Construction:</u> Barriers required; Barrier zones; Preservation generally; Inspections; Denial; Conditions</p> <p><u>Installation and Maintenance of Landscape Materials:</u> Installation; Replacement of dead material; Pruning</p> <p><u>Gainesville Tree List:</u> Mature height; Estimated Crown; Average Spread; Native; High Quality Shade; Ok under OHL; Street Buffer; Trees in Natural Buffer; Lot; Gate; Wet/Dry; Retention Basins</p>	<p>LANDSCAPE AND TREE PROTECTION</p> <p><u>Legislative Intent and Public Policy:</u> Health, safety, and welfare of current and future residents; List of social benefits and ecosystem services provided by trees and landscaping</p> <p>TREE PROTECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicability• Removal of protected trees prohibited; exceptions• Permit procedure and criteria for tree removal, relocation, and replacement of protected trees• Tree protection during development:• Enforcement; violations and penalties; stopping work; correction of violation <p>LANDSCAPING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicability• Landscaping requirements related to Comp Plan policies• Florida-Friendly Landscape and Irrigation design standards• Tree and Understory Vegetation Credits• Maintenance and protection of landscaping and irrigation systems• Credit for existing trees and understory• Vehicular use area interior landscaping• Perimeter landscaping• Buffer standards relating to uncomplimentary land uses and zoning• Landscape and irrigation system plans required• Intersection visibility• Scenic and historic corridors• Modification of landscaping requirements• Education• Buffer requirements for residential subdivisions	<p>TREES</p> <p><u>Findings of Fact:</u> Ecosystem services provided by trees</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Safeguards public health;</p> <p><u>Administration:</u> Fees; Applicability and Interpretation; Simultaneous reviews; Listed Species; Jurisdiction; Annexation</p> <p><u>Prohibitions:</u> Tree permit required; Violations</p> <p><u>Exemptions:</u> Exotics; Emergencies; Agricultural Activities; Nurseries; Certain Residential Lots; Roads, Utilities, Stormwater; Pruning and Maintenance; Tree Planting; Habitat Management and Restoration</p> <p><u>Permitting Criteria and Procedures:</u> Tree Permits Required; Criteria for Tree Permits; Procedure; Grand Tree Designation; Public Education</p> <p><u>Best Management Practices:</u> Standard; Grand Tree; Canopy Road</p> <p><u>Tree planting, relocation, or replacement:</u> Conditions; Tree planting; Tree banks; Credit for other plantings; Timing; Location; Tree survival</p> <p><u>Canopy Road Designation</u></p> <p><u>Compliance and enforcement:</u> Civil and Administrative; Enforcement and Penalties; Disbursement of Reforestation Special Revenue Funds; Enforcement of Code by other means; Responsible parties</p> <p><u>Appeals</u></p>	<p>TREE PROTECTION AND REMOVAL</p> <p><u>Standards:</u> Official trees; Applicability; Exemptions; Existing utility easements; Protected trees; Removal of protected trees; Reforestation requirements; Underbrushing; Credit for tree preservation; Tree replanting requirements; Plant lists A-D; Tree debits and credits; Projects with or abutting future transportaion corridors; Multi-Modal Transportation District</p> <p>Silvicultural standards: Design criteria</p> <p><u>Landscaping and urban forest standards:</u> Applicability; Exemptions; Certification; Minimum urban forest and landscape requirements; Front perimeter incentive; Urban forest management requirements; Environmentally sensitive land features and greenways; Urban forest management; Urban forest establishment and enhancement criteria; residential subdivisions landscape area requirements; Landscape requirements for vehicular use areas; Land use buffer standards; Standards for all landscape areas and established urban forest areas; Maintenance of required landscaping and trees; Landscape and preserved urban forest area nonconformance cause by public projects; Coordination with sign ordinance</p>

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<p>Minimum tree and shrub planting or preservation requirements: Single-family; Multi-family; Modular homes; Agricultural district lots; Government Use districts; Commercial, Industrial, Office, PCD; Park lands</p> <p><u>Off-street parking facilities and other vehicular use areas</u>: General; Interior of off-street parking areas; Use of curbs and wheel stops</p> <p><u>Landscaping the perimeter of abutting land uses</u>: Purpose; Applicability; Location; Determination of perimeter buffer requirements; Perimeter buffering not to be credited; Opacity of buffer; Height of planted buffers (hedges); Requirements of maintaining landscaped buffer areas; Additional treatment; Landscaping along waterways and parks Landscape design standards.</p> <p><u>Landscape credit system</u>: Existing trees; No credit given;</p> <p><u>Landscaping in rights-of-way</u>: Permit required; Where a drive splits a parcel; Installation standards</p> <p><u>Berms</u>: No height limit</p> <p><u>Placement of landscaping</u>: Sight distance</p> <p><u>Irrigation systems</u>: Water shortages; Required systems</p> <p><u>Landscape plan required</u>: Prior to permit for major or minor site development; Nature of required plan; Content of plans; Amended site development plans</p> <p><u>Variances</u>; <u>Enforcement</u>; <u>Interpretations</u>; <u>Conflicts</u>; <u>Appeals</u>; <u>Severability</u>.</p>				