



City of Hankinson

TREE POLICY

From Ordinances – City of Hankinson, Chapter 3, Article 5

Hankinson residents have always taken pride in the beautiful trees in our City. Property owners are encouraged to plant and maintain trees to enhance the quality of their property. Many may not know of our tree ordinances designed to ensure the security of utilities, the safety of citizens and the health of the trees.

The following is a *partial* list of policies on City trees:

- The following trees are considered a nuisance and are not allowed to be planted anywhere in the City:
 - Boxelder
 - Dutch Elm
 - Cottonwood
 - Green Ash
- All Boxelder trees currently growing in the city must be removed.
- The following are considered a nuisance and are not allowed on any City boulevards or right-of-ways*.
 - Hedges
 - Shrubs
 - Willows
 - Pines/firs/evergreens
 - Any tree with low, heavy foliage
- New plantings on City boulevards or right-of-ways* are limited to the following species of trees:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Amur Chokecherry○ Norway Maple – Columnar○ Norway Maples – Variegated○ Redmond Linden○ Royal Frost Birch○ Spring Snow Crab (fruitless)○ Thornless Honeylocust○ Crimson King Maple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dakota Pinnacle Birch○ Flame Amur Maple○ Greenspire Linden○ Littleleaf Linden○ North Acclaim Honeylocust○ Other as approved by City Forester
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- Any dead or diseased tree must be removed from property.
- No stumps may be left on City boulevards or right-of-ways*.
- The branches of any tree shall be kept clear from all sidewalks, boulevards and alleys above by 7 feet and twelve feet above any street.
- Boulevard trees shall be placed three and one-half (3 ½) feet from curb line and shall be spaced twenty (20) feet apart.
- Any property owner receiving a Tree Abatement Notice from the City Forester, must abate the problem/nuisance tree(s) by the deadline stated on the notice, or the City Forester may cause the abatement at the property owner's expense.

*Boulevards or right-of-ways are City property. They are measured from the center of the street to the property line and can vary across town from 30-40 feet. The City restricts planting on boulevards and right-of-way's. If you are unsure of the boulevard or right-of-way adjacent to your property, please contact City Hall or the City Forester for information before planting.

For more information on the City of Hankinson trees policies, please contact City Hall or the City Forester.

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