WELCOME

Landscape Ordinance Committee

MEETING 3

JUNE 15, 2020



Zoom Meetings

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<u>AGENDA</u>

- I. Welcome
- II. Review ordinance revision for species diversity as changed to reflect discussion in Meeting 2.
- III. Discuss possible ordinance revision to provide required spacing between parking lot lights and trees.
- IV. Status report from Sub-committee to review plant list.
- V. Determine next date for virtual meeting of committee.

Committee Members and city staff agree to:

- ✓ Show up on time and be prepared to actively contribute to the work of the Committee.
- ✓ Stay mentally and physically present during meetings/work sessions.
- ✓ Collaborate to resolve problems by respectfully challenging ideas NOT the person
- ✓ Listen with an open mind, avoid interrupting and side-bar conversations.
- ✓ Offer your unique perspective and experience, ask clarifying questions and stay curious, especially about perspectives/experiences different from your own.
- ✓ Consider multiple ways to achieve desired outcomes.
- ✓ Makes decisions by majority consensus.

Ordinance Amendments Discussion

Species Diversity in required buffers.

▶ Distance between light poles and required trees.

Section 2. That Subsection (A) of Section 30-10-4.1, Plant Materials, is hereby amended by adding a new Subsection (3) to read as follows:

- 3. Plant Genus, Species, Native Mix:
- a. To curtail the spread of disease or insect infestation in a plant species, new plantings shall comply with the following standards:

Plant Genus and Species Mix: Canopy Trees (1)

Total Number of Trees Required on the Site	Minimum Number of Genus Required	Maximum Percent of Each Species Allowed
Less than 20	2	60%
20 to 40	3	40%
More than 40	4	20%

(1) At least 40% of the required canopy trees shall be native species.

Plant Genus and Species Mix: Shrubs (1)

Total Number of Trees Required on the Site	Minimum Number of Genus Required	Maximum Percent of Each Species Allowed
Less than 20	2	60%
20 to 40	3	40%
More than 40	4	20%

(1) At least 40% of the required shrubs shall be native species.

Plant Genus and Species Mix: Understory Trees (1)

Total Number of Trees Required on the Site	Minimum Number of Genus Required	Maximum Percent of Each Species Allowed
Less than 20	2	60%
20 to 40	3	40%
More than 40	4	20%

(1) At least 40% of the required understory trees shall be native species.

b. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed so as to prevent the utilization of a larger number of different genera than specified above.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (LDO) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(Editor's Note: Added text shown with underlines and deleted text shown with strikethroughs)

Section 1. That Subsection (A) of Section 30-10-3.4, Surface Parking Lot Landscaping, is hereby amended by adding a new Subsection (5), Site Lighting, to read as follows:

5. Site lighting must be a minimum 30 feet away from a tree. If pedestrian scale lighting is being used, then lighting must be a minimum of 15 feet away from a tree.

CHARLOTTE ORDINANCE

Section 21-96 (d)

Site lighting must be a minimum 30 feet away from a tree. If pedestrian scale lighting is being used, then lighting must be a minimum of 15 feet away from a tree, unless approved otherwise by the city.

However, for urban zones, the following standards apply. Light poles taller than 15 feet must be a minimum of 20 feet away from a tree, and light poles 15 feet or less in height must be at least 10 feet away from a tree.

RALEIGH ORDINANCE

Article 7.1.7(G) Parking Lot Lighting

 Lighting fixtures must be located at least 20 feet from a tree, measured from the pole of the lighting fixture to the trunk of the tree.

Approved Plant List

Status Report from Sub-committee

Review of Approved Plant List to make sure the suggested plants meet the definition of canopy tree, understory tree and shrub along with the removal of any invasive species.



Schedule for Next Meeting

- Next meeting: Urban Landscaping and Tree Conservation
- Schedule options:
 - Stay on original schedule for monthly virtual meetings, or
 - Have shorter virtual meetings more frequently? (1 hour meeting every 2 weeks), or
 - Other suggestions?