



The City of Fayetteville wants to keep developers, designers and anyone interested in code updated on changes. Recently, the City changed a few things in our Tree Preservation and Landscape Codes. These changes go into effect on July 5, 2021. We have created this link to help you understand and work with the new code changes.

#### **Change 1- Code 167.04 E – Tree Preservation Priorities**

We have two categories: high priority and low priority trees. High Priority trees are alive, healthy and above 8-inch Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) for medium and large species trees. For small species trees, high priority is alive, healthy and above 4-inch DBH. Low Priority trees are invasive species, regardless of size, and unhealthy trees, regardless of size. Unhealthy trees have to be determined by a tree care professional. ***(Tree Preservation and Landscape Calculator has been updated to reflect these changes)***

#### **Change 2 – Code 167.04 (F) (L) – Tree Preservation Easement Size**

Currently, our code does not give staff or developers guidance on the size of a tree preservation easement. Logically, the minimum tree preservation requirement should be the same as the tree preservation easement requirement. If the required minimum preservation amount is not available, then typical negotiations with Urban Forester should occur.

#### **Change 3 – Code 167.07 (A) – Commercial Tree Pruner/Service**

The changes for this portion of code eliminate the redundant requirements of City staff testing, certify and keep active lists of tree care professionals. The change requires that professionals in the tree care industry have nationally recognized certifications (TCIA and ISA). The changes do not change insurance requirements or other requirements for business owners. The code change states that private property owners are responsible for checking the credentials of tree care professionals when work is being done on their private property.

#### **Change 4 – Code 177.08 – Timing of Installation**

The change allows developers to delay planting trees for more optimal weather conditions in a different season. In addition, the change gives trees a better chance for survival. Coordinate with the Urban Forester on delays.

#### **Change 5 – Code 167.04 (J) – Off-Site Preservation**

Code used to allow off-site preservation outside of City limits. Urban Forestry does not have jurisdiction outside the City limits and removed this portion of the code. If this is needed in the future, it could be brought through as a variance.

#### **Change 6 – Code 167.04 – Mitigation Alternatives**

The proposed change offers developers three options to planting trees, only if all other options have been exhausted. Intensive green roofs, extensive green roofs and green facades can be used for mitigation when a site was 50% impervious, and only in form-based zoning districts that allow for mixed-use and do not have a building area maximum requirement. ***(Tree Preservation and Landscape Calculator has been updated to reflect these changes)***