City of Folsom "Street Tree" Requirements

(print on legal sized paper is best)

Per §12.16.020 of the Folsom Municipal Code, 3 important definitions:

"Street tree" means any tree growing within the tree maintenance strip and contained on the master tree list
"Tree maintenance strip" means a strip of land parallel and adjacent to a public street thereto and which is twelve and on-half feet wide, measured from the property line.
Folsom "**Master Tree List**" means a list prepared by planning director which identifies the species of trees which may be planted as replacement or street trees.

Details (number of "Street Trees")

Each standard lot in Folsom is required to have one (1) "street tree" planted from a #15 size container (aka 15 gallon)
Each corner lot in Folsom is required to have two (2) "street trees" planted from a #15 size container (aka 15 gallon)
Each standard lot in Empire Ranch is required to have two (2) "street trees" minimally from a 24" box container for lots under 60' width
Each corner lot in Empire Ranch & lots 60' in width & over is required to minimally have three (3) "street trees" from a 24" box planted maximum 25' on center
In Empire Ranch, if rear yards a adjacent to a major street then 2 trees are required if 60' width & less, 3 trees if 60' & over planted 25' maximum on center in a #15 (aka 15 gallon)
In Empire Ranch, if side yards adjacent to a view wall then 2 trees per side yard, maximum spacing 25' on center in a #15 (aka 15 gallon container)
In Empire Ranch, other conditions exist for landscape requirement in regards to: slopes shrubs, lawns, patios, fences, and irrigation. It shall be installed prior to final & occupancy
Each multi-family property is required to have minimally one (1) "street tree" per living unit planted from a #15 size container (aka 15 gallon)
Each commercial property in required to have minimally one (1) "street tree" per 50' of street frontage planted from a #15 size container (aka 15 gallon)

Location of "Street Trees" to qualify as the required tree(s)

The "street tree" shall be listed on the Folsom Master Tree List and listed as a "street tree"
The Folsom Master Tree List is available on-line or from the Community Development Department, City Arborist
(NOTE: there are trees on our Master Tree List not to be planted on or near City property and shall not count as a "street tree" or for parking lot shade calculations
The "street tree" shall not be planted more then 12'-6" (12.5') from the property line that is adjacent and parallel to the public street
The "street tree" shall not be planted closer to infra-structure than listed as minimum distance on the Folsom Master Tree List
No tree shall be planted within 4' of an underground public utility
No tree shall be planted within 10' of a fire hydrant
No tree shall be planted within 20' of a light standard
No tree shall be planted within the street-to-street corner sight triangle (35' x 35' right triangle) and nothing higher then 3' or lower then 7' above street level
No tree shall be planted within the alley/driveway to street corner sight triangle (15' x 15' right triangle) and nothing higher then 3' or lower then 7' above street level

Tree and adjoining vegetation clearance pruning at public paths of travel

All sidewalks and ADA access routes shall be kept clear edge-to-edge and up to 7'-0"
All bikeways and paths shall be kept clear up to 8'-0"
All streets and drive lanes shall be kept clear gutter-to-gutter and in-between up to 14'-6" above the paving
Pruning cuts on protected trees (including "street trees" & parking lot shade trees), on livewood 2" in diameter and greater require a tree permit
Protected native oaks that may also be "street trees" or parking lot trees (or anywhere else 6" DBH & greater) require a tree permit & work to be performed by an ISA Certified Arborist
No tree permit is required to remove dead branches or making proper pruning cuts less than 2" in diameter
No pruning in any one year period should remove more than 25% of the live canopy
All work on protected trees shall conform to ANSI A300 Standards for Tree Care
Standards include, but not limited to: NO topping, NO heading cuts, NO round-over pruning, NO stub cuts, NO flush cuts, NO rip cuts, & NO use of gaff hooks on trees to remain

Other tree information (contact: Ken Menzer, City Arborist, 50 Natoma St, Folsom 95630 email: kmenzer@folsom.ca.us or call: (916) 220-3016)

Any & all trees being removed from the Tree Maintenance Strip require a Tree Permit, as this is also our public utility easement (PUE) with a lot of underground utilities
Normally you should contact Underground Service Alert (USA) by calling 811 before you dig to removed a stump or to plant a tree to protect yourself from potential physical & financial damages
All arborists performing tree work for compensation in Folsom are required to have a City of Folsom business license
Performing work for $500 or more or giving a fixed bid (compared to working-by-the-hour) requires a California State Contractors License

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