



**City of
McMinnville**

• PLANNING Division

G 2-24: Landscape Plans Amendments (Ord. No. 5165)

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Ordinance No. 5165

Purpose: Revises Chapter 17.57 “Landscaping” and Chapter 17.58 “Trees” of the McMinnville Municipal Code (MMC).

- **Phase 2 of Comprehensive Landscape Code Amendment**

Updates:

- Landscaping purpose and intent
- Applicability
- Design and implementation standards
- Streamlined Street Tree Plan review processes

Why this matters?

- Align development with community priorities
- Establish clear and predictable standards for applicants, which streamlines the development process
- Optimize staff capacity by reducing required number of reviews and inspections.
- Contribute to a safer, more visually appealing urban environment across McMinnville

City Council Strategies

GOAL: CITY GOVERNMENT CAPACITY – Strengthen the City’s ability to prioritize and deliver municipal services with discipline and focus.

GOAL: GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CHARACTER – Guide growth and development strategically, responsively, and responsibly to enhance our unique character.

OBJECTIVE: Strategically plan for short and long-term growth and development that will create enduring value for the community.

Proposed Amendments

Focus Areas

Landscaping purpose and intent
(17.57.010)

Applicability (17.57.030-040)

Design and implementation standards-
new (17.57.070)

Streamlined Street Tree Plan review
processes (17.58.100)

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Hearing: November 7, 2024.
- Public Testimony: None.
- Vote: **8 – 0 recommending approval.**



Ordinance Modification

- By request of MAC W&L.
- Add “**Safety**” to Section 17.57.070(B)(8)

Demonstrate that landscaping meets minimum National Electric **Safety** Code and Water and Light Commission rules for clearance from electric meters, utility poles, street lights, transformers, and other electric facilities.

Actions

Per Section 17.72.130(B)(2) of the McMinnville Municipal Code:

Upon receipt of the decision of the Planning Commission, the City Council shall:

- a. **Adopt an ordinance** effecting the proposed change as **submitted by the Planning Commission**, or*
- b. **Adopt an ordinance** effecting the proposed change **in an amended form**, or*
- c. **Refuse to adopt the amendment** through a vote to deny, or*
- d. **Call for a public hearing on the proposal**, subject to the notice requirements stated in Section 17.72.120(D).*

Recommended Motion

“I MOVE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5165, with the amendment to add “Safety” to Section 17.57.070(B)(8).

QUESTIONS?



Resource Slides

Landscaping Purpose and Intent

Section 17.57.010

Proposed Modification:

- Groundwater protection, climate resilience, air quality, and tree preservation

Reason:

- Aligns with Landscape Review Committee and Planning Commission goals

Applicability

17.57.030 – Zones Requiring Landscaping

Proposed Modification:

- Adds R-5 zone
- Corrects R-4 zone title

Reason:

- Improves clarity and consistency with other city codes

Applicability

17.57.040 – Applicability

Rename section to **“Applicability”**

- clarifies scope and intent

Apply standards to **all non-residential uses in residential zones**

- ensures consistency

Clarify standards for **Manufactured Dwelling Parks** and **satellite dishes**

- confirms existing applicability

City projects: review only **approved landscape plan elements**

- adds flexibility, reduces staff workload

Applicability

17.57.040 – Applicability

Exempt
**projects in the
public right-of-
way**

- recognizes state law and practical limitations

Exempt **middle
housing
projects** (still
under Ch. 17.11)

- simplifies review, aligns with state law

Apply
standards
**uniformly to
private and city
projects**

- Fairness and follows Council direction

Design and Implementation Standards

17.57.070 – Area Determination and Planning Factors

Proposed Modification	Reason
Clarify new construction regulation; refine parking area limits; set minimum landscaping standards	Consistency, livability, better site design
Require 1 shade tree per 10 spaces; align tree protection with Ch. 17.58; move prohibited tree list	Environmental benefits, consistency, flexibility
Add measurable screening standards; clarify solid waste/recycling enclosures	Improve design quality and compliance
Defer stormwater facility review; clarify utility landscaping requirements	Avoid duplication, ensure regulatory alignment
Add irrigation self-certification	Simplify process, reduce staff workload

Street Tree Plan Process

17.58.100 Street Tree Plans

Proposed Modification:

- Allows staff to review and approve Street Tree Plans.

Reason:

- Improves efficiency and responsiveness in plan review.