

Effective Immediately

Tree protection is required for all new construction

Tree protection is required to be installed and approved prior to your footing inspection and should remain in place until the Certificate of Occupancy is issued

The tree protection requirements are set out in Section 7.3.D.3 of the United Development Ordinance.

The tree protection zone should be a circle with a radius of one-half foot for every inch of DBH or five feet, whichever is greater (the circle of protection may be offset as much as two-thirds of its total diameter).

Prior to commencing construction or any site alterations a conspicuous four foot high barrier sufficiently prominent visually to prevent encroachment by people and vehicles shall be erected around the protection zone and approved by the Administrator. Barriers may be erected around groupings of trees, where feasible. Use of orange polyethylene safety fencing or a similar material is recommended. The barrier shall remain in place until the certificate of occupancy is issued.

No building materials, dirt, debris, oils, paints, or any other materials, equipment, or vehicles shall be placed or deposited within the protection area nor shall any trenching or paving be done within the protection area.

No change in grade shall be permitted within the tree protection zone except for a two-inch cut or two-inch fill of topsoil, sod or mulch.

Remedial site reclamation and tree care procedures (such as those mentioned in (d), above may be required at the reasonable discretion of the Administrator when encroachment or construction activity within protective zones has caused damage to either a tree or tree growing site. Any such treatment shall be in accordance with accepted International Society of Arboriculture practices. Such treatment shall occur prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. At the discretion of the Administrator, the planting of additional trees may be required if trees are damaged or destroyed.

Call 525-7041, the City of Beaufort Inspection Request Line, when the tree protection has been installed.

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