

SHADE TREE ORDINANCES

What are they?

Why are they important?

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- Your ordinance is the law that applies to trees in your municipality, as established by authority of your municipal governing body.
- They are often included as part of the municipal code.
- They are important as an instrument of control over the municipal and in some cases private tree resources of the municipality

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- Link to Community Forestry Management Plan...
- CORE Training...
 - Enabling Ordinance
 - Tree Ordinance (Supplemental Ordinance)

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- The ordinance you have
 - You probably have one
- Vs
- The ordinance you want
 - Probably not quite the same as what you have

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- Read your ordinance.



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- Read and understand your ordinance.



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- Read and understand your ordinance.
 - What is covered
 - What is not
 - Who is responsible
 - What is fineable
 - What is the goal

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- Enforce your ordinance.



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- Who is responsible for enforcement?
 - Shade Tree Commission
 - Building Department / Inspector
 - Code Enforcement Officer
 - Police Department
 - Engineering Department
 - A combination of many departments & commissions.....

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- What is your relationship with the responsible parties?
 - Open doors
 - Close gaps

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- Improve or Expand your ordinance
 - Design the ordinance you want
 - Amend the enabling ordinance to include trees on private property

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- Common problems to avoid and/or overcome
 - The species list
 - Rigid rules
 - Writing your own standards
 - Under-utilizing the tree fund

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- Species List
 - Diversity!

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- Rigid Rules
 - Allow for case by case decision making

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- Standards
 - No need to re-invent the wheel

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- Tree Fund
 - Tree Maintenance!

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- Good Luck!

