



**TO:** Cassie Franklin, Mayor  
City Council

**FROM:** David Stalheim, Long Range Planning Manager

**DATE:** July 24, 2018

**RE:** Metro Everett, Tree Committee recommendations

The city's Tree Committee submitted comments after the public hearing had closed. Staff has had an opportunity to review those comments, and have recommended incorporating several changes into the Metro Everett Subarea Plan and Chapter 20, Metro Everett and Core Residential Area Development Standards. These changes are incorporated into the ordinances we have asked the council to introduce.

#### Chapter 8 – Urban Design:

**UD-19:** Adopt *sidewalk standards* for width based on their designated street type. Wider sidewalks should be along pedestrian streets, mixed use corridors and transit-oriented corridors. Sidewalk standards should also consider tree health and growth.

**UD-21:** A *street tree and landscaping plan* should be adopted for Metro Everett. Certain streets, such as the gateway corridors, should have a more formal design approach with long-lived stately trees, while smaller local streets could be more informal, but still emphasize tree canopy. Landscaping that incorporates elements of storm water retention, such as raingardens, should also be encouraged.

**UD-23:** *Lighting fixtures* should be designed and placed to provide pedestrian-friendly illumination and not block pedestrian flow. Lighting fixtures should also reduce the negative impact of excessive light on the environment and human health.

#### Chapter 20 – Development Standards

##### 20.520 Street Trees

###### A. Street Tree Requirements

- 1) Street trees shall be placed within the landscape/furniture zone, spaced an average of 50-foot on-center. To determine whether street trees will be required concurrent with development, the spacing of street trees along the street frontage of the block shall be used to determine requirement.
- 2) Street trees shall be placed in a minimum five-foot by five-foot vault or other method as approved by the city to prevent root penetration, sidewalk and utility damage. Root volume

area should be commensurate to the tree with minimum impact to the underground infrastructure.

- 3) Street trees shall be a minimum of two-and-one-half-inch caliper at the time of planting.
- 4) All required street trees and landscaping shall be irrigated.
- 5) Dead, diseased, stolen, vandalized or damaged trees shall be replaced immediately, provided the city may allow up to 90 days if planting immediately would be during times of the year when plant survival would be unlikely.
- 6) Ongoing maintenance is required for optimal tree health.

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