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Front Range Tree Ordinance Comparison

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City	Goal of Landscaping	Xeric principles	Hydrozone	Special requirements	Maximum percent of any one species	Recommends patterns or uniformity
Denver	Continuity of neighborhood character	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES
Lower Downtown	Unify commercial street's appearance	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES
Denver Forestry	Guidelines for tree care	YES	NO	Only plants grown and harvested from hardiness zones 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be acceptable	NO	YES
Aurora	To protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare and mitigating adverse visual impacts caused by human interaction with the environment	YES	YES	75% of plants xeric, 50% of area living material, hand watering not permitted, Black Forest	NA	YES
Fort Collins	To ensure quality of the streetscape environment, including medians and parkways within the public right-of-way, is attractive, functional and links the public street corridors together through a unified city-wide plan	YES	YES	No bare root planting	10-19 trees - 50% 20-39 trees - 33% 40-59 trees 25% 60 + trees - 15%	YES

Tree spacing minimum	Tree spacing maximum	Requires approval	Requires tree protection during construction	Regular spacing in straight rows	Minimum distance from intersections	Deciduous in sight triangle ok	Minimum distance from alley	Minimum distance from curb	Min distance from att walk
30'	45'	YES	YES	YES	30'	YES	10'	42"	7'
30'	45'	YES	YES	YES	30'	YES	10'	42"	7'
25' (small trees)	35' (shade trees)	YES	NA	YES	30'	NA	10'	30'	7'
15'-35'	40' (street trees)- 45'	YES	YES	YES	NA	NA	NA	4'-5'	4'-5'
Medians: 25' shade 20' sm 20' evergreen; parkways: 20'-small 30'-large	For medians: 40'-shade 30'-ornamental 30'-evergreen For parkways: 40'	YES	YES	YES	30'	YES	8'	2.5'-6'	3'-7'

Minimum distance from utilities	Minimum distance from streetlights	Minimum distance from buildings	Minimum tree size in tree lawn	Minimum branch height over traffic	Minimum branch height over sidewalk	Landscaping tree requirement	Minimum tree size for deciduous	Minimum tree size for ornamentals	Minimum tree size for evergreens
25'	20'	5'-10'	2" caliper	13', 6"	8'	1 tree, 10 shrubs/40 feet	2"	1-1.5"	5' tall
25'	25'	10'	2" caliper	12'	8'	1 tree, 10 shrubs/40 feet	3"	3"	5' tall
NA	20'	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 tree, 10 shrubs/40 feet or 1 tree, 10 shrubs/25 feet for industrial and 1 tree, 10 shrubs/30 feet other development	2-1/2"	2"	6' tall
4'-10'	15'-40'	NA	1.25"-2"	14'	8'	NA	2" (1.5" for residential)	NA	NA

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Boulder	To improve public safety by preventing sight distance and facility obstructions and sidewalk and street damage, to promote suitable landscape species selection for streetscapes, to minimize tree and landscape maintenance costs, and to create an aesthetic community image through continuity	NO	NO	Evergreens not recommended for public right-of-way, recommends choosing 'drought-tolerant' trees from recommended list	10-19 trees - 50% 20-39 trees - 33% 40 + trees 25%	YES
Westy	To provide minimum design, installation and maintenance criteria for landscape elements	YES	YES	Xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping must be incorporated, soil amendment required	10-19 trees - 50% 20-39 trees - 33% 40-59 trees 25% 60 + trees - 20%	YES
Castle Rock	To lose the need for seasonal demand management measures, to reduce annual water consumption in accordance with the Water Conservation Plan, to conserve water via design, installation and maintenance, to maintain and enhance Castle Rock's unique landscape characteristics, to promote water conservation via public education and incentive-based programs	YES	YES	Turf required to be 60% or less of total landscaped area	NA	NA

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Appendix D

Colorado Tree Ordinance Comparison Spreadsheet

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15' small trees 25' medium trees 30' large trees	20' small trees 30' medium trees 40' large trees	YES	YES	YES	30'	NO	NA	4'-10'	NA
Varies with land use	Varies with land use	YES	YES	NA	NA	Discouraged	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	YES	NA	NA	30'	NO	NA	42"	NA

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10' (underground) 20' (power lines, pole)	NA	10'	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
location must be on plan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 tree, 3-10 shurbs/550 square feet	2"	2"	6' tall
5'	20'	10'	2" caliper	13', 6"	8'	2 tress, 4 shrubs/1000 square feet	2"	1.5"	6' tall