



A Guide to the City of Pineville LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE.

On 13 July 2004, the Mayor and City Council of Pineville approved "an ordinance to enact a commercial landscaping ordinance establishing minimum standards" for any and all commercial development within the city limits of Pineville, LA. This Ordinance is currently being enforced under Ordinance NO. 1331-2004 dated and signed 14 September 2004 by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Pineville.

We are one of many municipalities across this country that has moved to set standards through the adoption of 'green laws' or landscape ordinances which would "encourage and promote the maintenance and establishment of the unique wooded character of Pineville." This ordinance, which embraces the environmental impact of development, encourages new commercial entities to compliment the natural landscape and character of Pineville by understanding that landscape regulations contribute to air and water quality as well as the control of erosion and drainage.

The Mayor's office, our City Council, Pineville Tree Board, Beautification committee and many other garden clubs and green groups extend their appreciation to you for choosing Pineville for your commercial development. Your dedication in preserving our natural landscape and enhancing property values is appreciated.

APPLICABILITY:

The landscape ordinance applies to all new applicants for commercial development within the City of Pineville. The setback area or green space as defined in Section 4b & 5a is that remaining area not used as approved drive ways or parking areas and shall be landscaped with grass, trees and shrubs. The building plans must first meet the setback requirements of the zoning district as outlined in Section 4a.

No vegetation shall be allowed to obstruct vision at vehicle intersections. All constructed or planted materials will not violate the triangular area formed (Section 5b) by the intersection of street lines and a straight line connecting such street lines at points 30 feet from the point of intersection.

ADMINISTRATION:

Upon application of permits, the developer or owner of the commercial entity will be informed of the requirements necessary to comply with this ordinance. Landscape plans will be reviewed by the Director of Public Works or his duly appointed representative referred to here on as the Landscape Inspector.

A site plan shall be required indicating the layout and design for the development. A landscape plan for perimeter and interior landscaping and buffer areas will accompany this site plan before a commercial construction permit shall be given. The landscape inspector will approve the required landscaping to verify adherence to this code before signing off on the permit application. (Section 9a)

PERIMETER PLANTING REQUIREMENTS (Section 6)

Trees are to be planted along right-of-way boundaries no less than 6' off of defined right-of-ways. These trees are to be planted not more than on 30' centers with at least 2.5" caliper trunks of at least 10' in height.

A list of desirable and undesirable trees for planting along defined perimeters is defined under Tree Ordinance 1275-2001 and referred to in the City of Pineville Community Forestry Plan. Selection of trees is directly correlated with existing or planned utilities either overhead or underground. A partial list of trees is included in this pamphlet.

INTERIOR LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS (Section 7)

Trees must be 2.5" caliper and 10' in height at the time of planting and will equal one (1) tree for every fifteen (15) parking spaces. Credit will not be given for perimeter trees. Selected trees may be grouped or clustered in permanently anchored landscape areas raised at least 6" in height. Curb materials may be concrete, natural stone or asphalt.

DESIRABLE TREES (City of Pineville Community Forestry Plan)

Listed here we have listed a partial list of the suggested Desirable Trees recommended by the Pineville Tree Board. Your selection of tree species for your property is not mandated by city ordinance. If you have need or have reason for assistance in this area, please feel free to contact a City Tree Board Member or the city landscape inspector for further information.

Savannah Holly (*Ilex x attenuata* cv 'Savannah')
Yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*)
Crepe Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
Chinese Pistachio (*Pistacia chinensis*)
American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)
Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)
Nuttall Oak (*Quercus taxana*)
Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)
River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)

UNDESIRABLE TREES (City of Pineville Community Forestry Plan)

Listed here you will find a partial list of trees that are not recommended for planting. Where these trees have an aesthetic value in their early years, longevity has proved them to be unworthy as a long term specimen. We ask that you consider the long term relationship of these trees before you install them in your landscape.

Arizona Ash (*Fraxinus velutina*)
Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
Chinaberry (*Melia azedarach*)
Chinese Tallow (*Sepium sebiferum*)
Hackberry (*Celtis laevigata*)
Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*)
Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*)
Sycamore (*Plantanus occidentalis*)