

HAYDEN TREE BOARD

Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 14, 2025 – 5:00 PM Town Hall 178 W Jefferson Avenue, Hayden

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Community members are invited to speak to the Commission on items that are not on the agenda. There is a 3-minute time limit per person, unless otherwise noted by the Chairperson. Please note that no formal action will be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on a future posted agenda if action is required.

- 4. OLD BUSINESS
- **5.** NEW BUSINESS
 - u. Update on Public Works Tree Maintenance and Planting
 - **b.** Review Town Tree Ordinances
 - **c.** Review Proposed Town Owned Tree Locations
 - d. Dry Creek Village Re-Tree
- **6.** OTHER BUSINESS

CHAPTER 12.24. TREES

Sec. 12.24.010. Town manager powers.

The town manager shall have the power to promulgate, amend and repeal rules, regulations, and specifications for the trimming, spraying, removal, planting, pruning, and protection of trees, shrubs, vines, hedges, and other plants within the limits of any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place in the town and shall be charged with the enforcement of this chapter.

(Code 1999, § 8.02.010; Ord. No. 665, § 2, 5-7-2015)

Sec. 12.24.020. Trimming, spraying, removal, planting and protecting of trees and other vegetation.

The town manager shall have the power to have all trees, shrubs, hedges, vines and other plants within the limits of any public street, alley, sidewalk or other public place trimmed, sprayed, removed, planted, and protected; or to require the owner of any property, abutting on any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place, after written notice to such owner and at the expense of such owner, to trim any tree, shrub, vine, hedge or other plant, which may project beyond the property line of such owner, onto or over public property, at a height of less than three meters, or which may obstruct the light from any street lamp, signs, the movement of pedestrians or the vision of drivers of vehicles at intersections, or which may interfere with power lines.

(Code 1999, § 8.02.020; Ord. No. 665, § 2, 5-7-2015)

Sec. 12.24.030. Removal of dead or dangerous trees.

It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of any property to remove any dead trees or dead overhanging boughs dangerous to life, limb or property located on the premises of such owner or upon public property abutting the premises of such owner, upon receipt of written notice of the town manager so to do and within such reasonable time as specified in said notice.

(Code 1999, § 8.02.030; Ord. No. 665, § 2, 5-7-2015)

Sec. 12.24.040. Owner responsibility for care of trees.

The town manager is authorized to require any owner or agent of any premises to plant, trim, spray, remove or otherwise care for trees upon that portion of any public sidewalk or street upon which such premises abut. It shall be the duty of such owner, agent or occupant of such premises to comply with such requirements within a reasonable time after receiving written notice so to do from the town manager, such time to be stated in said notice. In the event the owner, agent or occupant of any premises fails or neglects to comply with notice provided herein or notices provided for in sections 12.24.020, 12.24.030 and this section, the town manager is authorized to take the action required by said notice at the expense of the owner, agent or occupant of the property, which expenses shall be collected in an appropriate action at law to recover or collect any amounts, including, but not limited to, late fees, legal fees, interest and administrative costs, owing under this chapter. Such costs shall be assessed and filed as a lien against such owner's property and shall be a first and prior lien upon the property.

(Code 1999, § 8.02.040; Ord. No. 665, § 2, 5-7-2015)

Sec. 12.24.050. Permit required to plant or remove trees, etc.

It is unlawful to cut, trim, spray, remove or plant any tree, vine, shrub, hedge or other plant within the limits of any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place within the town without first having obtained a permit from the town manager. No charge shall be made for any such permit. No permit shall be refused by the town manager, except for good and substantial reasons, such as the potential hazard to pedestrian safety in the use of the public sidewalks.

(Code 1999, § 8.02.050; Ord. No. 665, § 2, 5-7-2015)

Sec. 12.24.060. Violation, penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall result in a penalty as provided in section 1.12.010.

(Code 1999, § 8.02.060; Ord. No. 665, § 2, 5-7-2015)

CHAPTER 18.16. TREES

Sec. 18.16.010. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the regulation of the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees, shrubs, and other plants within the town.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.010; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

Sec. 18.16.020. Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Large trees means those trees attaining a height of 45 feet or more.

Tree lawn means that part of a street or highway, not covered by sidewalk or other paving, lying between the property line and that portion of the street or highway usually used for vehicular traffic.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.020; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

Sec. 18.16.030. Permits.

No person shall plant, spray, fertilize, preserve, prune, remove, cut above or below ground, or otherwise disturb any tree on any street or municipal-owned property without first filing an application and procuring a permit from the town forester or otherwise specified municipal authority. The person receiving the permit shall abide by the arboricultural specifications and standards of practice adopted by the town forester. The town forester shall have the authority to require posting of a bond adequate to fully repay the town for any and all costs attendant to the completion of the work under the permit. In addition, the contractor is required to show adequate insurance coverage from potential damages during the execution of the work.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.060; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

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Sec. 18.16.040. Maintenance.

All trees planted shall have trunks not less than one-half inch in diameter at six inches above the ground. No tree shall be planted closer than three feet from the curbline or outer line of the sidewalk. All trees shall be planted in line with each other and at a spacing of 40 to 60 feet depending on the species planted or in groupings using the equivalent number of trees, as approved by the town. No street tree shall be planted under or within ten lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within five lateral feet of any underground utility wire. No trees shall be planted within 30 lateral feet from corners or intersections. All trees and shrubs on public or private property, which have branches overhanging a public street or sidewalk, shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of fourteen feet on the street side and ten feet on the sidewalk side. All public trees designated for removal shall be completely removed from the growing site and disposed of in an authorized manner.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.070; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

Sec. 18.16.050. Species, cultivars and varieties.

The tree board develops and maintains a list of desirable trees for planting along streets in three size classes: small, medium, and large. A list of tree species not suitable for planting as street trees will also be created and enforced by the tree board.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.080; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

Sec. 18.16.060. Obstruction.

It shall be the duty of any person owning or occupying real property bordering on any street, upon which property there may be trees, to prune such trees in a manner that they will not obstruct or shade the streetlights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision of traffic signs, or obstruct view of any street or alley intersection. The minimum clearance of any overhanging portion thereof shall be ten feet over sidewalks and 14 feet over all streets. When a person to whom an order is directed shall fail to comply within the specified time, it shall be lawful for the town to prune such trees with the cost assessed to the owner, as provided by law for in special assessments.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.090; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

Sec. 18.16.070. Nuisance and condemnation.

All street trees planted in violation of, or not maintained in strict compliance with the provisions of this chapter, or that are dead or dangerous are declared to constitute a public nuisance. The town forester or code enforcement officer shall cause written notice to be served on the property owner requiring such nuisances to be corrected within 30 days.

(Code 1999, § 12.06.100; Ord. No. 574, § 1(part), 2005)

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