

ORDINANCE NO.: 5013

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Sec. 34-144 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding regulations for planting and care of trees.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Section 34-144 is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

Sec. 34-144. Regulations for planting and care of trees.

- (a) Trees must not be less than one and a half inch in diameter of trunk at a height of four feet above the ground.
- (b) All trees, at the time of installation, must be planted with the root flare, not the graft union, at or above ground level, staked with two stakes, and supported with nylon tree tape for a period up to twelve months.
- (c) No tree shall hereafter be planted within 30 feet of each intersection.
- (d) In cutting down trees, the same must be removed with root stump grubbed or cut out to a depth of at least ten inches. If another tree is to be planted within three feet of the stump it must be removed in its entirety.
- (e) Painting and water-proofing of pruning cuts are prohibited, with exception to oak and elm tree pruning during the period of April 1st to November 1st.
- (f) Good soil must be provided; where soil is too poor to ensure growth an amount equal to 27 cubic feet, minimum, must be provided in the tree hole.
- (g) Future planting of shrubbery or evergreens between curb and sidewalks is prohibited.
- (h) No tree shall be planted within six feet from utilities, or nearer than two feet from the curb line or outer line of the sidewalk unless special permission is granted by the Board of Park Commissioners. All trees must be planted in line with each other as established by the Board of Park Commissioners.
- (i) The following is a list of approved varieties of trees:

TALL	SMALL
HONEYLOCUST HACKBERRY LINDEN ALDER RIVER BIRCH GINKGO (MALE) AMUR CORKTREE OAK DED RESISTANT ELM KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE HICKORY ZELKOVA BUCKEYE CATALPA TULIP POPLAR TURKISH FILBERT SYCAMORE/PLANE TREE	TREE LILAC (SINGLE STEM) MUSCLEWOOD AMUR MAACKIA CRABAPPLE HAWTHORNE IRONWOOD ALDER RED BUD MAGNOLIA FRUITLESS PEAR/PLUM SERVCEBERRY DOGWOOD

(j) The following tree varieties are prohibited:

EVERGREENS (CONIFERS) BLACK LOCUST FRUIT TREES (BEARERS) COTTONWOOD RUSSIAN OLIVES MULBERRY MAPLE	SIBERIAN ELM ASH WILLOW ASPEN NON-DED ELM ANY CLUMP VARIETY
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- (k) No trees shall be planted on any City street until the grade for such street has been established and cut or filled to the established grade.
- (l) In addition the Board of Park Commissioners may, from time to time, establish other regulations which the Board may deem necessary to insure safety on or preserve the symmetry and beauty of any public places.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.

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Timothy Kabat, Mayor

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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

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