

Sec. 142-105. – Improvements.

- (10) Median landscaping. Landscaping improvements shall be installed within the medians of all proposed or planned or divided roadways within the city limits as shown on the city master thoroughfare plan.
- a. Only developments or subdivisions abutting or adjacent to a divided roadway, as such road is defined in the city transportation plan, shall be subject to this section.
 - b. The subdivider or developer shall be fully responsible for the construction and installation of the required landscaping and maintenance of the improvements for a period of one year. However, in the event that the, in his sole discretion, determines that construction of improvements is impractical, the subdivider or developer shall pay an amount as specified in appendix A of the Code of Ordinances which may be amended from time to time by ordinance in-lieu-of constructing the required improvements. Frontage is wherever a property abuts the right-of-way of the divided thoroughfare, and separate frontages exist on each side of the thoroughfare. The fee in lieu of construction is collected once from each frontage. At the discretion of the city engineer, the subdivider may install landscaping across the full width of the median, and be reimbursed by the city for the landscaping provided for the additional frontage at the per linear foot of frontage rate or the actual cost of the improvements, whichever is less, if funds are available.
 - c. Standard landscaping is established as follows:
 1. One ornamental tree per 30 linear feet of median. Ornamental trees shall be a minimum two-inch caliper and eight feet in height at time of planting and shall be used primarily as accent trees at the median nose and dispersed within the canopy trees;
 2. One canopy tree per 30 linear feet of median, with a minimum of 4-inch caliper trunk, and a well-formed canopy that is typical of the species. Canopy trees shall be planted no closer than 30 feet from median street lights;
 3. Irrigation installation is to include bubblers or drip irrigation for all canopy and ornamental trees and irrigation to uniformly water the planting beds;
 4. Planting beds shall be separated from turf grass using 14 gauge steel edging to define ground cover beds; and
 5. Landscape plans and construction plans shall be subject to review and approval by the city engineer. The location of landscaping shall conform to the city street design standards and shall be placed to accommodate the ultimate number of traffic lanes.

- d. The collected fee in lieu of construction shall be applied to construction, reconstruction, upgrading, and installation of medians on divided roadways within the adjacent roadway benefit area, as that term is defined in chapter 130, article III, pertaining to roadway impact fees. Any fees not expended within six-ten (10) years of collection shall be returned to the developer or subdivider that deposited the fees with the City.
- e. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (d) of this Section 142-105, herein-above, City shall not be required to return fees that have not been expended if roadway medians have not been constructed on divided roadways within the adjacent roadway benefit area thus preventing the purchasing, planting, growing and /or irrigation of the required standard median landscaping. The time period for the expenditure of fees escrowed with the City for the construction of median landscaping shall not begin to run until such time as the roadway medians have been constructed on such divided roadways, the roadway medians have been accepted by the city, and the roadway medians are ready for standard median landscaping.