

**CITY OF MOORE  
ORDINANCE 1004.22**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 12, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE G  
'LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS', SECTION 12-451 OF THE MOORE MUNICIPAL  
CODE BY ADDING APPLICABILITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 12-452 THROUGH  
12-456 BY INCREASING AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE REQUIRED, MODIFYING  
TREES ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT, REDUCING AMOUNT OF PLANTING AREA  
REQUIRED FOR PARKING LOT TREES, ADDING ALTERNATIVE FOR  
REQUIRED LANDSCAPING ISLANDS; REQUIRING MIXTURE OF TREE AND  
SHRUB SPECIES; DELETING SECTION 12-457 AND PLACING SECTION IN  
RESERVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND REPEALING ANY  
INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOORE, STATE OF  
OKLAHOMA.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THIS COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORE,  
OKLAHOMA THAT PART 12, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE G 'LANDSCAPE  
REGULATIONS' IS HEREBY AMENDED AND READS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:**        **AMENDMENT** "Sec 12-451 Purpose And Intent Of  
Landscaping Requirements" of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as  
follows:

AMENDMENT

Sec 12-451 Purpose And Intent Of Landscaping Requirements

A. The purpose of this article is to establish standards for installation of landscaping in all new development and redevelopment areas in order to enhance the aesthetic appearance of properties within the city, ensure the quality, quantity, and appropriateness of landscape materials, effect a functional and attractive design, improve compatibility between land uses, conserve water, control soil erosion, and preserve the character of existing neighborhoods.

B. The requirements of this Article shall apply to all land uses other than a single-family or two-family residence on a single lot unless otherwise noted.

(LDC 1991, § 12-450; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 2:**        **AMENDMENT** "Sec 12-452 Landscaping Required" of the  
Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

## Sec 12-452 Landscaping Required

A. Landscaping, as required herein, shall be provided for all new multifamily, civic, office, commercial, and industrial construction in the city. Landscaping shall also be provided for any addition to an existing multifamily, civic, office, commercial, or industrial use if the proposed addition increases the size of the existing structure by at least thirty (30) percent.

1. Any new landscaping required as a result of building additions may be distributed over the total land area as approved by the Community Development Director, or their designee.

B. All landscape plans approved under prior ordinances of the city shall remain in effect and subject to fulfillment of all terms of such plans previously filed and approved.

C. All plant materials as required herein shall be selected from the City of Moore Approved Planting List as maintained by the Community Development Office. Materials not on the list may be approved by the Community Development Director or their designee if it is determined that they are equally suitable for local soil conditions and climate and would provide the same level of visual benefits.

(LDC 1991, § 12-451; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 3:            AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-453 Definitions” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

### AMENDMENT

#### Sec 12-453 Definitions

A. No less than ten (10) percent of the total land area of the site (excluding the street right-of-way) shall be landscaped. At least seventy-five (75) percent of the landscaped area shall be in the front or side yards, or as approved by the Community Development Director or their designee.

B. There shall be one live tree having a minimum height of five (5) feet, and two (2) shrubs provided for every four-hundred (400) square feet of area to be landscaped, excluding the street right-of-way.

C. Credit for existing or newly planted larger trees (outside of the street right-of-way) that are larger than the minimum required size shall be given as follows:

1. A healthy tree of at least three four-inch (4") caliper and less than eight-inch (8") (8") shall

count for two (2) trees;

2. A healthy tree of at least eight-inch caliper shall count for three (3) trees.

D. Artificial grass or any form of synthetic plant shall not be permitted as part of the minimum requirements for landscaped areas.

E. The use of gravel as ground cover shall not be considered as meeting the minimum requirements of this section.

F. The property owner shall be responsible for landscaping the unpaved street right-of-way. This area shall not be hard surfaced other than a permitted drive way or sidewalk.

G. The area within the boundaries of a given lot which consists of plant material, vines and other groundcovers, planters, brick, stone, natural forms, water forms, aggregate or other inorganic features, but not including the use of smooth concrete or asphalt may be included in calculations to meet the requirements of this code; provided, however, that the use of brick, stone, aggregate or other inorganic materials shall not predominate over the use of the organic plant materials;

H. Trees shall not be planted in the street right-of-way except by special approval from the Community Development Director, or their designee. Any trees located within the street right of way shall be planted a minimum of ten (10) feet from a water meter.

(LDC 1991, § 12-452; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 4:**        **AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-454 Landscaping Standards” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

#### AMENDMENT

##### Sec 12-454 Parking Lot Landscaping

A. Parking lots shall be separated from street frontages and from abutting uses by planting areas.

B. A minimum ten (10) foot wide landscape strip shall be provided between any parking lot and any lot frontage of the property on which the parking lot is located, unless the parking area is otherwise screened from the street by a building or other means.

C. A minimum ten (10) foot wide landscape strip shall be provided between any vehicular loading area and any lot frontage of the property on which the loading area is located, unless the vehicular loading area is otherwise screened from the street by a

building or other means;

- D. One deciduous shade tree shall be provided within the parking lot for every seven (7) parking spaces, or portion thereof. Each tree shall be located within the parking lot in reasonable proximity to the spaces for which the tree was required. Trees provided to meet the Base Landscaping Requirement shall not be counted toward this requirement.
  
- E. Tree planting areas shall be no less than eight (8) feet in width and provide at least eighty (80) square feet of planting area per tree or as appropriate for the tree species and approved by the Community Development Director, or their designee. No tree shall be less than two and one-half (2½) feet from the edge of pavement or back of curb; if curbing is not provided around the tree planting area, curb stops shall be placed such that vehicles will not overhang the tree planting area.
  
- F. A landscaping island shall be located at the end of every parking bay between the last parking space and an adjacent travel aisle or driveway. The island shall be at least one-half the length of the adjacent parking space. The island shall be planted in medium and large shade trees, shrubs, and grass or ground cover as defined in the Approved Planting List except for those areas that are mulched or planted with other approved ground cover.
  - 1. For parking lots under fifteen (15) parking spaces or in Industrial Zoning Districts, in lieu of the required landscaping islands, an automatic sprinkler system serving all landscaping and an additional 3 trees and 2 shrubs per excluded landscaping island shall be provided, or equivalent landscaping as approve by the Community Development Director, or their designee.
  
- G. Landscaping islands and tree planting areas shall be well drained and contain suitable soil and natural irrigation characteristics for the planting materials they contain.

(LDC 1991, § 12-453; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 5:            AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-455 Landscaping Plans” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

#### AMENDMENT

##### Sec 12-455 Landscaping Plans

- A. A landscaping plan is required and submitted as part of the site plan as submitted for a building permit. This plan shall show detailed landscaped treatment of any area to be

landscaped, including the street right-of-way. The plan shall meet the following requirements:

1. The type of plant shall be designated with plant lists or schedules showing the required and proposed landscaping;
  2. Existing vegetation to be saved shall be identified;
  3. The plan shall especially respect sight triangles and sight distances at all intersections;
  4. Landscaping should be evenly spaced throughout the site so as to balance the effect of the landscaping;
- B. No building permit shall be issued until the landscaping plan is approved;
- C. A certificate of occupancy for any use shall not be issued until the landscaping has been installed in accordance with the plan; and it shall be illegal for any person, firm, or corporation to occupy or operate a business in any new structure for which landscaping, as shown by the plans, is not provided; except that if a structure and all site improvements are complete except for these landscaping requirements and the season of the year will not permit the planting and growing of plants, temporary occupancy permit may be permitted by the director until a date certain in the growing season. If the landscaping has not been completed by said date, the property owner shall be in violation of this Code or a temporary extension may be obtained as approved by the director for a period not to exceed one 30-day period.

(LDC 1991, § 12-454; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 6:            AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-456 Other Requirements For Landscaped Areas” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

#### AMENDMENT

##### Sec 12-456 General Landscaping Requirements

The following requirements shall apply to all landscaped areas:

- A. The property owner in all zoning districts shall be responsible for landscaping the area within the street right-of-way line and the curblineline. This area shall not be hard surfaced other than a permitted driveway or sidewalk;
- B. Plants shall be grouped according to similar water needs;
- C. Plants shall not interfere with safe sight distances or otherwise block vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic, or conflict with the installation, maintenance, or repair on any public utility;
- D. Landscaping islands and tree planting areas shall be well drained and contain suitable soil and natural irrigation characteristics for the planting materials they contain.
- E. A minimum ten-foot wide landscape strip shall be provided between any parking lot

and any lot frontage of the property on which the parking lot is located, unless the parking area is otherwise screened from the street by a building or other means;

F. A minimum ten-foot wide landscape strip shall be provided between any vehicular

loading area and any lot frontage of the property on which the loading area is located, unless the parking area is otherwise screened from the street by a building or other means.

G. Trees and shrubs shall meet the following requirements:

1. Trees shall have a minimum caliper of at least two (2) inches and a minimum height of five (5) feet at time of planting. Shrubs shall be a minimum of three (3) gallons in size at time of planting;
2. Any one species of trees or shrubs shall make up no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total required trees or shrubs;
3. Shrub species that do not attain a mature height of less than three (3) feet shall make up no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total required shrubs;
4. Trees shall be a combination of small, medium and large species as defined in the Approved Planting List. Tree plantings shall consist of no more than forty (40) percent small trees and sixty (60) percent medium and large trees or as approved by the Community Development Director, or their designee;
5. Non-deciduous, or evergreen, trees shall consist of no more than forty (40) percent of the total tree count; and
6. Trees planted under overhead utilities shall not exceed a mature height of twenty-five (25) feet.

(LDC 1991, § 12-455; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 7:**            **AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-457 Parking Lot Landscaping” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

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Sec 12-457 Parking Lot Landscaping

(LDC 1991, § 12-456; Ord. No. 10(92), 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 8:**            **AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-459 Completion Requirements” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

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Sec 12-459 Completion Requirements

A certificate of occupancy for any use wherein landscaping is required by this article, shall not be issued until the landscaping has been installed in accordance with the landscaping plan; except that if a structure and all site improvements are complete except for the landscaping, and the season of the year or some other constraint will not permit the planting or growing of plants, temporary occupancy may be permitted by the community development director until a date certain. If the landscaping has not been completed by said date, the property owner shall be in violation of the occupancy permit provisions of this chapter and shall be subject to the penalties as provided in section 1-108.

(LDC 1991, § 12-458; Ord. No. 10, 1-6-1992; Ord. No. 296(00), 11-20-2000)

**SECTION 9:            AMENDMENT** “Sec 12-458 Maintenance Of Landscape” of the Moore Land Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

#### AMENDMENT

##### Sec 12-458 Maintenance Of Landscape

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain in good condition all the improvements required by this section. Any required fence or screening that are damaged shall be repaired, and any vegetation that dies shall be replaced no later than the following planting season (spring or fall).
- B. When it is determined by the community development director, or his designee, that improvements required by this section are not being maintained, it shall be his duty to give notice in writing to the property owner. Such notice shall specify in what manner the improvements are in need of maintenance and a date for compliance. The property owner shall have not less than 30 days to comply with the notice; provided, however, that any person aggrieved by any such order or disagreeing with any of the requirements of the notice, may file an appeal within the 30-day period to the board of adjustment.
- C. Failure to provide the improvements required by this Code or failure to maintain required improvements in the manner prescribed by this Code shall constitute an offense and violation of this Code and shall be subject to the penalties as provided in Section 1-108.

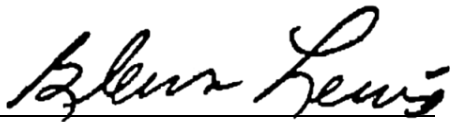
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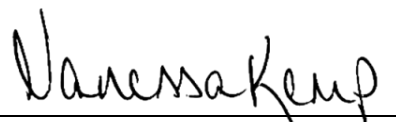
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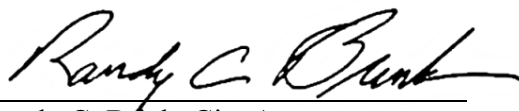
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Presiding Officer

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Glenn Lewis, Mayor, City of Moore

  
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