

**CITY OF WACONIA  
ORDINANCE NO. XXX**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 900.06 SUBDIVISION 8, SECTION D  
OF THE WACONIA CITY CODE REGARDING  
TREE PRESERVATION REGULATIONS**

The City Council of the City of Waconia ordains:

**FINDINGS AND PURPOSE**

Section 900.06, Subd. 8, D, 4c and 6d, and the definition language contained therein of the Waconia City Code (the “Code”) sets forth reforestation/restitution requirements that apply to properties subject to the City of Waconia (the “City”) subdivision regulations, adds a limit to tree replacement and a definition for wooded lot, and adds language regarding tree disease mitigation. The City Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to promote the preservation of existing trees, the planting of new trees, and management of reforestation to: i) manage the amount of over planting of trees after removal in developed areas, ii) manage the development of wooded lots in the community, iii) allows funds contributed to the Community Planting Fund to be used for tree disease mitigation.

**AMENDMENT**

New language is added to 900.06, Subd. 8, D, 4, of the Code to read as follows:

- a. For wooded lots, the maximum the reforestation requirement shall be limited to eight (8) trees per platted lot, in addition to those required by Section 900.07, Subd. 2, of the Code. Cash restitution in lieu of planting shall not apply when using the wooded lot designation.

Section 900.06, Subd. 8, 4d is amended to read as follows:

- d. Restitution shall be paid to the City in cash prior to the City’s release of the signed final plat mylars for recording, or prior to approval of a minor subdivision. Any restitution paid shall be placed in the Community Planting Fund and shall be used for reforestation and/or tree disease mitigation projects in the City.

Section 900.07, Subd. 8, D, Tree Preservation Related Definitions is amended to add the following definition:

- (g) Wooded Lot: A parcel one acre (1) or greater platted for residential development, exceeding 75% summer tree canopy, on which 20% is retained for natural preserve. Wetlands are exempt from this calculation.

**SUMMARY**

The following official summary of Ordinance No. XXX has been approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Council of the City of Waconia as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance:

The ordinance is titled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 900.06 SUBDIVISION 8, SECTION D OF THE WACONIA CITY CODE REGARDING TREE PRESERVATION REGULATIONS. It amends Chapter 900.06, Subdivision 8 of the Waconia City Code. It sets forth reforestation/restitution requirements that apply to properties subject to the City of Waconia (the "City") subdivision regulations, adds a limit to tree replacement and a definition for wooded lot, and adds language regarding tree disease mitigation.

The full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk, 201 South Vine Street, Waconia, and at the Waconia Public Services Building, 310 10th Street East, Waconia. The full text is also available for public inspection at any time on the City's website. Further, any person may request the City to send the full text of the ordinance via standard or electronic mail by calling City Hall at (952) 442-2184.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance is effective upon publication.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Waconia this XX day of September, 2019.

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Kent Bloudek, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan MH Arntz, City Administrator

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