

# Tree Preservation Ordinance

City of Edmond  
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## Intent of the Ordinance:

- To preserve tree canopy of native trees and the historic Cross Timbers forest.
- To prevent erosion, preserve shade and cooling benefits of trees, and prevent negative impacts to wildlife and stormwater quality, among other reasons.
- To provide a healthy quality of life for our residents.
- To guide and educate the public and the development community of the value of preserving the native Cross Timbers forest, providing open space for all to enjoy. The Cross Timbers contain trees that predate not only Oklahoma statehood, but also the birth of the United States.

## Process:

1. **Identify Existing Tree Canopy Area.** Delineate and measure the existing tree canopy. Any current and accurate aerial photo may be used.
2. **Select Forest Area to Preserve.** This area is where trees will be preserved or planted. The amount of Forest Area must equal 20% of the parcel being platted.

\*Tree preservation must demonstrate avoidance of deforestation.

\* At construction, preserved areas must not be impacted by development activities. Protection measures are specified in the Edmond Tree and Landscape Guide. Generally, Plastic construction fencing is the minimum barrier.

3. **Tree Planting Plan.** If the Tree Preservation Area(s) do not equal at least 20% of the area being platted, then tree planting is required.

\*Tree Planting Plans must be prepared by a Landscape Architect or other as pre-approved by the Urban Forestry Commission.

\*18 trees, as specified in the ordinance, are required for every 6,000sf of required forest area that is not occupied by preserved trees.

