



Development  
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FORT WORTH



**FORT  
WORTH  
LOVES  
TREES**

**Working together  
to build a strong  
community.**



## Administrative Relief

Administrative relief allowing for additional height or deduction of setback may allow for flexibility on your site.

Four criteria must be met. Visit our website or please reach out to inquire further.

## Contact



[FortWorthTexas.gov/Departments/UrbanForestry](https://FortWorthTexas.gov/Departments/UrbanForestry)



[UrbanForestry@FortWorthTexas.gov](mailto:UrbanForestry@FortWorthTexas.gov)



817-392-2222

## Building Fort Worth's Canopy

Developer's Guide  
to Urban Forestry

# Why Trees Matter for YOUR Project

Enhance curb appeal and property value

Reduces stormwater runoff and erosion

Cools urban heat islands and saves energy

Builds community goodwill

# Why Compliance Matters

## Streamlined Permitting

Projects planned with canopy retention often move faster

## Reduced Costs

Avoid violations and redesigns

## Community Impact

Sustainable sites attract buyers, tenants, and community support

# New Regulations

## ▶ Species Matter

- We now have Protected and Unprotected Tree Species Lists
- Preservation applies to Protected
- Zero credit given for Unprotected Species

## ▶ Tree Survey

- Individual trees must be identified by DBH and species on plan
- Significant trees
  - *Post and Blackjack Oaks @ 18"*
  - *Other Protected Species @ 24"*

## ▶ Penalty Fines Increased

- Criminal citation \$2,000
- Unauthorized removal of protected non-significant trees
  - *\$600/inch or \$15/sq ft*
- Unauthorized removal of protected significant trees
  - *\$1,200/inch or \$30/sq ft*

We are eager to help anyone with this process and are hoping to ensure preservation of desired species of trees for generations to come.

Contact Park & Recreation Forestry for any tree concerns in the right of way, parkway, or on City owned property at (817)392-5739 or [CityTreePermits@FortWorthTexas.gov](mailto:CityTreePermits@FortWorthTexas.gov)

Please visit our website for a copy of the updated ordinance adopted by Council April 22, 2025

[www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/development-services/UrbanForestry](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/development-services/UrbanForestry)

