

## **Municipal Policies related to Tree and Public Projects**

### **5.15.18**

#### Funding Summary:

- 1) **Public works street repair projects:** Forestry replants trees, usually the year after the project. Engineering funds replacement costs for trees (even if trees were removed because of EAB or condition)
- 2) **New plats:** New trees are planted by Forestry. Costs get assessed back to the property owner.
- 3) **Private development projects:** The developer pays for trees. A private contractor plants them.

#### **4.09 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS, STORM SEWERS, AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIAL CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES.**

(13) Special charges for current services rendered may be imposed through the allocation of all or part of the cost to the property served. Such current services may include without limitation because of enumeration, subdivision service costs under [Sec. 16.23\(9\)\(e\)](#), unpaid public facilities impact fees imposed under [Chapter 20](#), MGO, mall-concourse special maintenance, street sprinkling, oiling and tarring, sealcoating and dust control, repair of sidewalks, curbs or gutters, garbage and refuse disposal, street lighting and/or traffic signal operation and maintenance, financing of lead service replacement for those property owners which meet the criteria of [Sec. 4.082](#), MGO, and tree care. The amount to be charged may include direct and indirect costs, including the resulting damages, if any, interest on City funds used in anticipation of the collection of the special charges, a reasonable charge for administrative staff services, any architectural, engineering and legal services costs, and any other item of direct or indirect cost reasonably attributed to the work or services rendered.

#### **10.08 - CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY APPROACHES AND PARKING FACILITIES.**

All applications for driveway approaches except Class I and Class II to parking and loading facilities shall be accompanied by scaled drawings, in quintuplicate, and approved by the respective City departments before a building permit will be issued. The following items must be indicated and dimensioned on the five submitted drawings:

11. Utility poles, fire hydrants, trees or other structures to be moved.

#### **10.085 - OUTDOOR LIGHTING.**

(d) Trees and shrubbery shall not be located where they significantly reduce or block the lighting of parking facilities or roadways.

#### **19.16 - UNDERGROUND UTILITY ENTRANCE FACILITIES.**

(1)Purpose. The Common Council of the City of Madison does hereby declare it to be the public policy of the City of Madison to favor underground electrical and communications facilities. The exercise of police power to implement this public policy is based on the public benefit received including (but not limited to) the following reasons:

- (a) Clearing scenic views;
- (b) Improving civic appearance;
- (c) Removing safety hazards which are a danger to pedestrians and motorists;
- (d) Overcoming the threat of temporary loss of service due to high winds and ice conditions;
- (e) Eliminating damage to overhead equipment by wildlife;
- (f) Eliminating damage to wildlife by overhead equipment;
- (g) Eliminating trimming of street **trees** required to prevent damage to overhead wires.

This ordinance is adopted to facilitate the orderly replacement and/or transfer from overhead facilities consistent with desirable aesthetic goals and sound economic practices. The Common Council of the City of Madison finds the utilities and other entities furnishing major utility services and other services transmitted by wire or coaxial cable have previously adopted policies of converting from overhead service to underground service.