



Legislation Text

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**Fiscal Note**

No City appropriation required.

**Title**

Amending Section 33.24(15)(e)5.a. of the Madison General Ordinances related to Urban Design Landscaping and Open Space to remove the minimum terrace width requirement with Urban Design District No. 8.

**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This proposed change removes the requirement under MGO Sec. 33.24(15)(e) 5.a.v. that terraces in Urban Design District No. 8 have a minimum width of ten (10) feet to accommodate growth of canopy trees. This requirement is no longer needed with the adoption approval and adoption of the Complete Green Streets Policy and guide, which outlines street design parameters, including provides for updated desired terrace measurements for the promotion of canopy trees. In addition to Complete Green Streets, the City Forester reviews items related to tree planting and can assesses the correct width to support healthy tree growth.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subparagraph a. entitled "Requirements" of Paragraph 5. entitled "Landscaping and Open Space" of Subdivision (e) entitled "Basis for Design Review" of Subsection (15) entitled "Urban Design District No. 8" of Section 33.24 entitled "Urban Design Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"a. Requirements.

- i. Landscaping within the East Washington Avenue setbacks and terraces and medians shall follow the approved palette and design concept.
- ii. The street face shall be dominated by canopy trees in both the building setback and the public right of way.
- iii. The type, number, and location of canopy trees in the building setback shall be coordinated with the type, number, and location of canopy trees in the public right of way.
- iv. When planted, canopy trees shall have a caliper and height relationship consistent with the provisions of Table 1 in Section 1.2.1 of the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI 2 60.1-2004).
- v. ~~Terraces shall have a minimum width of ten (10) feet to accommodate growth of canopy trees.~~
- vi v. If a public sidewalk is within six (6) feet of the public street, canopy trees shall be planted on the building side of the sidewalk.
- vii vi. Unless existing infrastructure interferes, canopy trees shall be planted at a spacing of no greater than forty (40) feet on center.
- viii vii. Unless existing infrastructure interferes, canopy trees planted along street faces, in parking lots, and parking lot islands shall have a mature height of at least sixty (60) feet.
- ix viii. Screen fences and/or landscaped buffers shall be provided at property edges. Where a

commercial property adjoins residential properties, this separation shall be provided pursuant to the Zoning Code.”