



zones of protected trees, so as to minimize damage to trees in the protected zones.

7.8. Topographical difficulties and/or the installation of utilities shall be considered at the time of the development of a residential subdivision or parcel. Each parcel of land shall be considered on a case-by-case basis as to the removal of trees where topography and/or utility installation is a factor. Special consideration should be given to maintaining the natural topography of the land when possible, and to apply existing trees to the development of a site. The County Manager shall have final approval of the site. Failure to follow the approved development plan shall result in denial of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

~~8.9. Unnecessary removal of trees or other vegetation shall be prohibited. The planting of grass or other ground covers shall not supersede the requirement for trees as indicated by each zoning district.~~

~~9.10. Efforts should be taken to preserve existing trees, especially those trees which are eight (8) inches DBH or larger and which are of a considerable age but not dying or deceased. The preservation of large specimen trees is encouraged.~~

~~10.11. It is desirable that planted trees be ecologically compatible with the site and neighborhood.~~

~~11.12. Replacement trees shall be planted in a manner that will provide adequate space for nourishment, light, and maturation. The combined DBH of replacement trees shall equal or exceed the combined DBH of trees authorized for removal.~~

F. Protection of Trees During Construction

Methods and standards for tree protection shall be required as follows:

1. Trees identified to be preserved and/or planted, shall have a valid, recognizable method of tree protection or (tree-save) marking or delineation installed at the critical root zones.
2. No person engaged in the construction of any structure(s) or improvement(s) shall encroach on a designated tree-save/critical root zone area with heavy machinery or the storage of heavy building materials.
3. During construction, a tree save area must be designated around any trees that are to remain at the end of construction.
 - a. Desirable trees should be identified and a physical barrier set up around the tree or group of trees.
 - ~~a.~~ This barrier can consist of a four (4) foot high orange safety fence, wide plastic caution tape, a simple fence made of lumber, or other appropriate methods that can identify the non-invasive drip line area.
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