



b.c. The barrier should be placed beyond the drip zone (critical root zone) and should prevent the stockpiling of soil or building materials, dumping cleaning solvents, or parking vehicles or equipment within this barricaded area.

G. Mitigation

1. 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.

2. Efforts should be taken to preserve all existing trees, especially healthy, older trees.

3. Violation and Penalty

a. ~~especially~~ The removal, damage or destruction of a Protected Tree without a required development permit or approval of a Tree Survey and Plan, shall constitute a violation of this ULDC. ~~these 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.~~

a. In lieu of any fines and penalties incurred by a violator of this section of the ULDC, the County Manager may require tree replacement as a condition of granting Certificates of Occupancy.

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c. Replacement of trees required under such a penalty, shall be calculated at a rate equivalent to a one hundred percent (100%) increase in the mitigation requirements set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this section.

d. For the purposes of this penalty calculation, a baseline of seventy-five inches (75") of Protected Trees per acre shall be applied.

4. Replacement Trees

a. The Tree Survey and Plan may propose a strategy for mitigation of loss of Protected Trees by replacement, on site, with new trees.

b. The combined DBH of replacement trees shall equal or exceed the combined DBH of trees authorized for removal.

c. Any tree planted for mitigation shall measure at least four (4) inches dbh at the time of planting.

b.d. It is desirable that planted trees be ecologically compatible with the site and neighborhood.

e. 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. Trees planted for mitigation in new developments shall be in addition to those required for streetscapes, buffering and parking lots.