

TOMAH *Parks & Rec*



SUBJECT: Fall boulevard tree planting project

The City of Tomah Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Frank G Andres Charitable is making trees obtainable, at no charge, to property owners for the purpose of boulevard planting this fall. A September, delivery date is expected.

Sites must comply with the regulations found in City ordinance 48-19 to 48-37. All planting, watering and trimming of trees shall be the responsibility of the individual property owner. Trees shall be planted in the middle of the boulevard. Trees that reach a maximum, mature height of greater than 18 feet shall not be planted under overhead transmission lines. Trees shall be planted at least 25 feet from street intersections. Large or medium-sized trees shall be planted at least 15 feet from driveways. Trees shall also be planted at least 10 feet from curb boxes or water shut-offs. Trees shall be spaced a minimum of 30 feet apart. No tree shall be planted in a boulevard less than four (4) feet in width.

The Tomah Parks and Recreation Department asks property owners who are interested in the tree program to file an application provided at the city clerk's office. Those who have experienced street construction recently and have lost shade trees as a result or those with homes that face the south or west are especially encouraged to apply. Phone calls will not be accepted. Parks and recreation employees will inspect the property to see that it conforms to ordinance. After the inspection, the employees will determine the appropriate specie of tree and stake the exact spot where it shall be planted. A copy of planting instructions will be attached to the tree.

Distribution will be made on a first come-first serve basis. The number of trees given to each property owner will be limited to **one (1)** per owner based on the availability of large and low-growing trees (to be planted under overhead transmission lines).

The species of trees available for distribution were chosen for their quick growth rate, tolerance to road salt, shallow root systems, inability to bear fruit, high resistance to serious diseases and insects and ability to grow low enough so as not to interfere with overhead transmission lines.

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