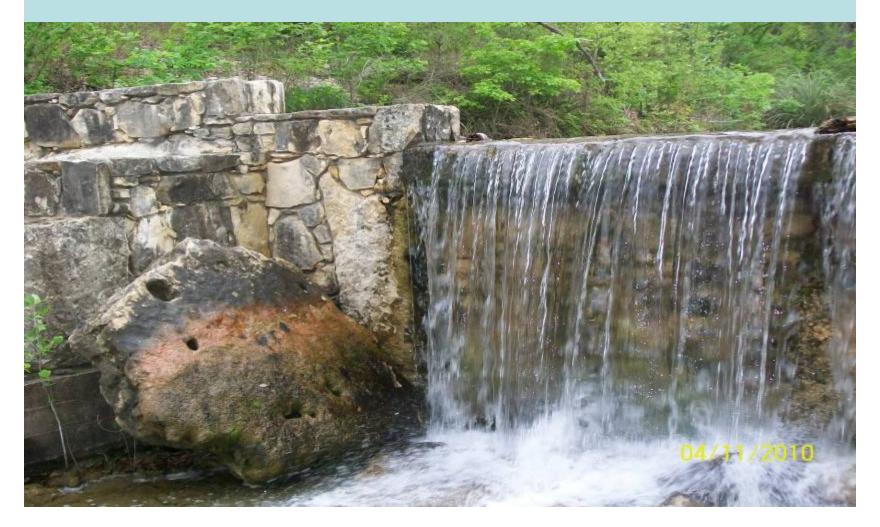
City of Austin Commercial Landscape Ordinance Environmental Criteria Manual, Section 2



The Commercial Landscape Ordinance is a zoning ordinance. The jurisdiction of the Commercial Landscape Ordinance is only in the city limits of Austin.

There is no landscaping required on commercial site plans outside the city (not zoned) limits or associated with the development of subdivisions.

Out side the city limits (ETJ) there *may* be tree preservation criteria that to comply with and all irrigation criteria is required if you are using City of Austin water.





The city approved landscape plan is part of the site plan. The site plan is a set of drawings that comply with all the criteria the city requires so that a commercial development may be constructed.

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If you are not installing the landscape with a permitted plan, it is the wrong plan. Must provide permit set at inspection.

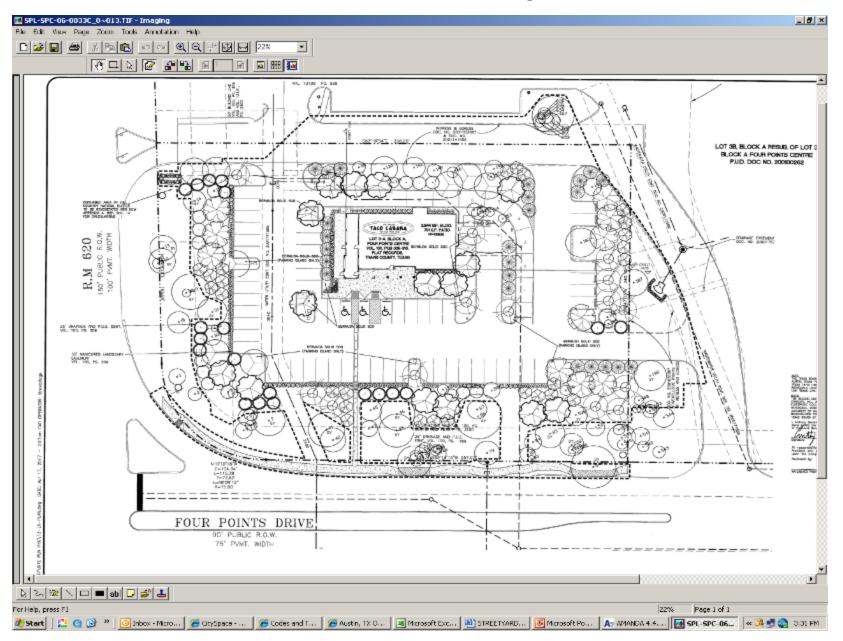
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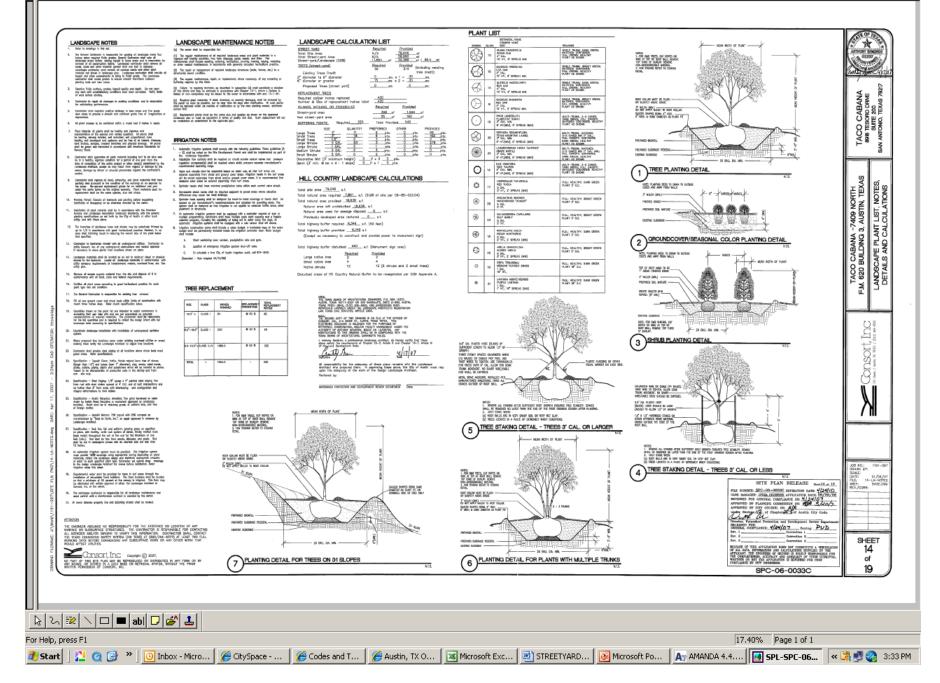
There is not a typical city approved landscape plan. All sites are different, but all must comply with the minimum standards set forth in the ordinance. There are two landscape inspectors in the City of Austin and the city is divided into two territories, north and south with the dividing line being the river.

BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

- Street Yard Requirements
- Buffer Requirements
- Shade Requirements
- Plant Selection
- Soil Conditioning and Mulching
- Protection of Landscape Areas
- Irrigation

Street Yard Requirements





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Plant Selection Native and adapted drought tolerant species.

1. <u>City of Austin Preferred Plant List, Appendix N of</u> <u>ECM</u> – Developed in 1996, there are some plants on this list that are not desirable, but it is a good guide. Good list of native trees.

•2. <u>Grow Green Guide</u> – Excellent guide and reference that a installer can use, however Palms are not acceptable for use as shade trees on commercial sites and they are included in this publication.

Soil Conditioning and Mulching



Soil Conditioning and Mulching

- A minimum of 3 inches of organic mulch shall be added in non-turf areas to the soil surface after planting.
- Gravel is not an organic mulch. It is not an acceptable mulch to use if you want to pass a landscape inspection.

Protection of Landscape Areas

- All landscape areas adjacent to vehicular use shall be protected with concrete curbs or equivalent barriers. An equivalent barrier must be at least six (6) inches in height and anchored sufficiently to prevent movement.
- Asphalt curbs
- Railroad Ties (anchored)
- Rock or stone curbs (anchored)
- Bollards
- Wheelstops



Irrigation

- An automatic underground irrigation system that is hydro zoned.
- On sites no larger than .5 acre, a hose attachment within 100 feet of all required landscape areas.
- Must be in place and operational at the time of final landscape inspection.
- Irrigator must provide commercial checklist.



Commercial Irrigation Inspection Check List

Project Name	SP #	
Project Address		ZIP

Bldg Permit # _____ Irrigation/Plumbing Permit # _____

	As-built plan
	Seasonal water schedules & water budget inside controller box
	Sticker on controller w/ Irrigator's contact info. & LI#
	Maintenance checklist in controller or w/ owner
	No spray irrigation in areas less than 6' wide
	Heads are 6" from the sidewalk, walls, fences, curbs
-	Master valve installed after backflow prevention device
	Isolation valve installed between water meter & backflow
	Hydrozoned
	Wye strainer installed upstream of below grade DCVA
	Proper pressure, not misting
	Head to head coverage
	No overspray
	Hose bib backflow and isolation valve, if hose bib installed
	Rain shut-off device at 1/2" or soil moisture sensor
	ET controller installed
	Brand Model #

This irrigation system has been designed and installed in accordance with all applicable state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders. I have tested the system and determined that it has been installed according to the Irrigation Plan and is properly adjusted for the most efficient application of water at this time.

Letter of Concurrence

...must receive a letter, under seal, from a licensed professional engineer, architect or landscape architect, stating that the project has been implemented in accordance with the approved plan.

