

CITY OF PORTLAND, TENNESSEE

Landscaping Requirements For Single Family and Duplex



Single Family and Duplex Landscaping

Purpose:

Purpose Landscaping shall be selected and placed in the front yards of newly-developed property to soften the effect of the built environment. An arrangement of vegetation such as trees, shrubs, and grasses shall be required for new development.

Front Yard:

Front yard landscaping shall be provided as follows:

- A foundation planting along one-hundred (100) percent of the façade of each building which abuts a public street, excluding necessary breaks for sidewalks, entrances, etc. The foundation planting area shall have a minimum depth of six (6) feet.
- The foundation planting shall include:
 - a) Two (2) five (5) gallon Evergreen Shrubs as specified in Section 4-310.3 for every thirty (30) feet of building façade;
 - b) Eight (8) three (3) gallon Evergreen or Deciduous Shrubs (or a combination thereof) of at least two different species as specified in Section 4-310.3 for every thirty (30) feet of building façade. The shrub requirement may also be met with a combination of shrubs and ornamental grasses;
- The front yard landscaping shall include:
 - One (1) two inch (2") caliper Shade Tree or two (2) one and one half inch (1 ½") Ornamental Trees as specified in Section 4-310.3 or 4-310.4 for every fifty (50) feet of building façade.
- Landscaping shall be installed prior to any Certificate of Use and Occupancy being issued and no landscaping plan shall be required by the Zoning Administrator. Any tags identifying variety and size shall remain on planting until the landscaping has been inspected.

Suggested Tree and Shrub Species

A list of suggested trees and shrubs can be found in Section 4-510.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

<https://cityofportlandtn.gov/departments/planning/zoning/zoning-ordinance/>

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Sight Distance Requirements for Landscaping Materials

At any public or private street intersection and at the access point for private driveways to public or private streets, a clear zone for sight distance shall be maintained. No landscape material that exceeds the height of two and one half (2.5) feet at maturity or branches lower than six (6) feet shall be planted in any sight distance clear zone as indicated in Figure 4-504

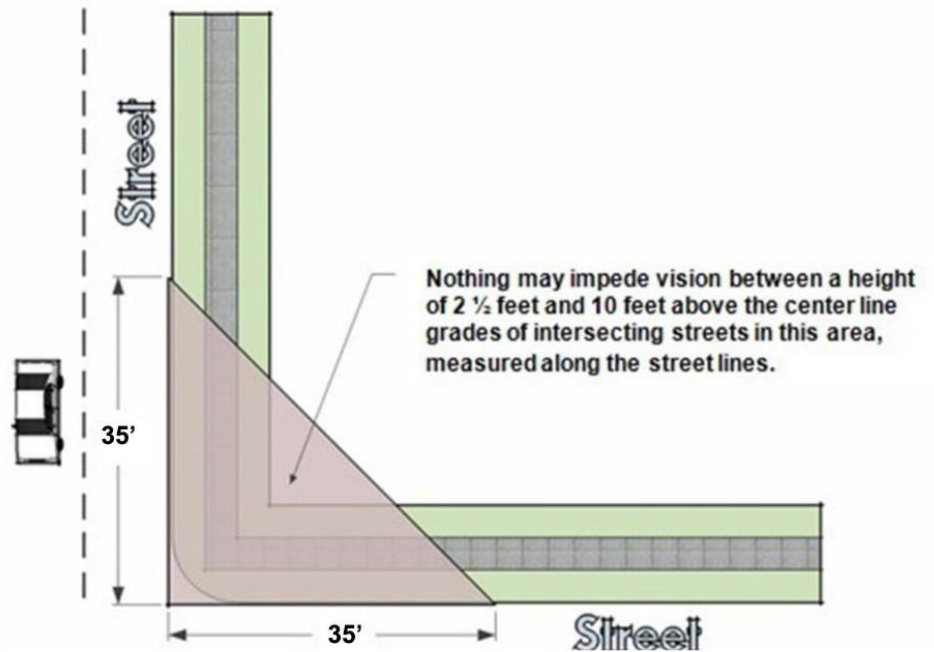


Figure 4-504: Landscaping Sight Distance Requirements