Street Tree Planting Restrictions

1. Must locate utilities before digging.
2. Minimum spacing between trees.
   - 15’ between small trees
   - 35’ between medium trees
   - 50’ between large trees
3. Minimum distance from street.
   - 3 ½’ for small trees
   - 4’ for medium/large trees
4. Trees cannot block view at intersections and not be in "site distance triangle" as defined in the ordinance.
5. Plant 10’ away from fire plugs.
6. No plantings under or 22’ from overhead utility wires.
7. Duty to maintain and prune trees.

For all the specific details check Unified Government’s Ordinance 0-28-08

Kansas City, Kansas Tree City USA

Kansas City, Kansas has been certified as a Tree City USA Community with the Arbor Day Foundation since 2008.

Benefits of Trees
- Helps to reduce stormwater runoff.
- Absorbs carbon dioxide and stores carbon.
- Reduces heat island effect & helps cool the city.
- Helps reduce energy bills.
- Add value to your home or business.

For More Information:

http://www.wycokck.org/parks
(Click on Tree Information)

http://www.kansasforests.org/

https://www.arborday.org/

https://www.bridgingthegap.org/heartland-tree-alliance/

Permitted & Prohibited Street Tree Listing

For Right-of-Ways in Kansas City, Kansas
Owners of property abutting public rights-of-way are responsible for maintaining street trees in a manner which promotes safe and healthy plants and protects the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

In addition, the Unified Government has the right to plant, prune, maintain, or remove street trees. The Board of Public Utilities may also prune or remove street trees which present a hazard to electric power lines or water lines.

**Street Tree Species Selection**

Trees are a long-term commitment, so it is important that the right species be chosen. The Unified Government has identified trees that are permitted and prohibited to be planted as street trees as follows:

**Permitted Street Tree Listing**

*Small Trees less than 25’ at maturity*
- Amur maple
- Paperbark maple
- Tatarian maple
- Norwegian sunset maple
- Serviceberry
- Eastern Redbud
- Oklahoma Redbud
- Crabapple
- China Snow tree lilac
- Japanese tree lilac
- Common chokecherry

*Medium Trees 25’ to 40’*
- European hornbeam
- Dogwood
- Goldenrain tree
- Chinkapin oak
- Trident maple
- Hedge maple
- Shantung maple
- American yellowwood
- Osage-orange
- Emerald Sunshine elm

*Large Trees 40’ or larger*
- Miyabei maple
- Norway maple
- Sugar maple
- Caddo sugar maple
- River birch single stem
- Turkish filbert
- Ginko
- Thornless Honeylocust
- Kentucky coffeetree
- Sweetgum
- Dawn redwood
- Black gum
- Sawtooth oak
- White oak
- Swamp white oak
- Scarlet oak
- Shingle oak
- Overcup oak
- Bur oak
- Willow oak
- English oak
- Northern red oak
- Shumard oak
- Bald Cypress
- Littleleaf linden
- Silver Linden

**Prohibited Street Trees**

- Fir
- Silver Maple
- Mimosa
- Northern hackberry
- Sugar hackberry
- Persimmon
- Russian Olive
- Green Ash
- White Ash
- Osage Orange
- Mulberry
- Spruce
- Pine
- London Plane Tree
- Sycamore
- Cottonwood
- Bradford pear
- Siberian elm
- Tree of Heaven
- Boxelder
- Willow
- Edible fruit trees