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## Blendon Township Street Tree Policy

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**WHEREAS**, the Blendon Township Board of Trustees acknowledges that street trees can provide certain economic, social, environmental, ecological, and aesthetic benefits to the community, and, **WHEREAS**, the Blendon Township Board of Trustees recognizes that these street trees must be appropriately planned, planted, and maintained in order to maximize the benefits of the trees to both the individual homeowners and the entire community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Blendon Township Board of Trustees seeks to advance the public health, safety, and general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, the Blendon Township Board of Trustees has the authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 5529.11 to administer a policy regarding street trees;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following policy shall govern the planting and use of street trees within Blendon Township:

A. Definition

1. Street Tree: Any tree planted within a township right-of-way.
2. Tree Lawn: The space between the street edge or edge of the curb and a sidewalk or ditch.

B. Administration

1. A Road Right-of-Way Permit must be approved by the Blendon Township Administrator or his designee prior to the planting of any Street Tree. Said permit and any necessary inspections will serve to ensure that this policy has been upheld. Additionally, the \$50 fee for the Right-of-Way Permit will be charged for the administration of the permit and any necessary inspections by the Road Superintendent.

C. Location

Street Trees shall not be planted in the right-of-way where there is not a minimum of 7 feet between the edge of the street pavement/curb and the sidewalk.

Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 10 feet from any ditch or underground yard tile.

Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 20 feet to a residential driveway.

Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 15 feet to a fire hydrant.

Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 25 feet to an overhead utility pole or overhead utility line.

Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 5 feet from the edge of street pavement or the back edge of the curb.

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Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 40 feet from another street tree.  
 Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 6 feet from any underground utility tap.  
 Street Trees shall not be planted closer than 6 feet from any crosswalk or sidewalk ramp.  
 The center of the tree trunk of a street tree, at the time of planting, shall be used for the purposes of measuring the location of street trees.

D. Maintenance

1. The primary responsibility for care and maintenance of Street Trees in the right-of-way is upon the private property owners. In situations where the right-of-way has been platted, the adjacent private property owner, not the owner of the right-of-way, shall be held primarily responsible.
2. Said owners of property on which a Street Tree is located will be required to prune or cause to be pruned such trees in a manner that the trees will not obstruct or shade street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision of traffic signs, obstruct view of any street intersection or generally obstruct vehicular traffic.
3. The township shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within any township right-of-way as may be necessary to insure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The Township Road Superintendent or Board of Trustees, or a designee, may remove or cause to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition, is injurious to, or obstructing any public infrastructure improvements, is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest, or is considered to be a nuisance. Costs approved by the Board of Trustees can be levied against the property in violation.

E. Acceptable Tree Species

1. Prohibited Trees: The following list of trees are specifically prohibited from being used as street trees within any township right-of-way:

Tree Name	Latin Name
Box Elder	Acer negundo
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum
Horsechestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum species
Tree of Heaven	Ailanthus attissima
Northern Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa
Ginkgo (female)	Ginkgo bilboa
Osage (orange)	Maclura pomifera
Mulberry	Morus species
Poplar	Populus species
Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana "Bradford"
Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacacia
Willow	Salix species
Moline American Elm	Ulmus americana "Moline"
Siberian Elm	Ulmus pumila

2. Permitted Trees: The following list of trees shall be considered suitable for planting within tree lawns of 7 feet or greater:

Tree Name	Latin Name
Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i> (and <i>A. nigrum</i> )
Black Maple	<i>Acer nigrum</i>
Black Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
Sugar Hackberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>
Turkish Filbert	<i>Corylus colurna</i>
European Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
Ginkgo (Males only)	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>
Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i>
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>
Black Tupelo (Black Gum)	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
London	Planetree <i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>
Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>
Shingle Oak	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Chinkapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>
Chestnut Oak	<i>Quercus prinus</i>
English Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>
Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>
Black Oak	<i>Quercus velutina</i>
Japanese Pagoda Tree	<i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
American Linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>
Littleleaf Linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>
Crimean Linden	<i>Tilia x euchlora</i>
Silver Linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>
Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>
Hedge Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>
Hybrid Purpleblow Maple	<i>Acer truncatum x platanoides</i>
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>
European Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>
Katsura Tree	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>
American Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>
Hardy Rubber Tree	<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>
Goldenraintree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>
Magnolia Hybrids	<i>Magnolia</i> sp (tree form)
American Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>
Amur Cork Tree	<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>
Sargent Cherry	<i>Prunus sargentii</i>

Tree Name	Latin Name
Callery Flowering Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>
Lacebark Chinese Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
Bigtooth Maple (Canyon Maple)	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>
Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i> (tree form)
Trident Maple	<i>Acer buergerianum</i>
Paperbark Maple	<i>Acer griseum</i>
Tatarian Maple	<i>Acer tataricum</i>
Red Horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea</i>
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i> sp. (tree form)
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>
Lavalle Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus x lavallei</i>
Thornless Thicket Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus punctata</i> var. <i>inermis</i>
Green Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus viridis</i>
Amur Maackia	<i>Maackia amurensis</i>
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i> sp. (oval or upright forms and cultivars only)
Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>
Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>

**Also permitted:**

Freemani Sienna Glen Maple  
 Parkway Norway Maple  
 Bowhall Red Maple  
 Endowment Sugar Maple  
 Pacific Sunset Maple  
 Columnar Sargent Cherry  
 Corinthian Little Leaf Linden  
 Emerald Sunshine Elm  
 Frontier Elm  
 Green Vase Zelkova  
 Palisade American Hornbeam  
 Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac