

ORDINANCE NO. 643

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
OF JEFFERSON, IOWA, 2017, BY  
AMENDING TREE SPECIES SPECIFICATIONS AND  
PLANTING REGULATIONS

Be it enacted by the City Council of Jefferson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section Amended. Section 151.03 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**PERMITTED SPECIES.** For the purpose of this chapter, trees planted in the parking shall be known as “street trees.” Permitted street trees are defined as follows:

1. Category A, Low-growing Trees. Low-growing Trees as defined on the current version of the Tree Species Guide, as periodically published by Trees Forever, subject to Section 151.04.
2. Category B, Shade Trees. Shade Trees as defined on the current version of the Tree Species Guide as periodically published by Trees Forever, subject to Section 151.04.

SECTION 2. Section Amended. Section 151.04 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**PROHIBITED SPECIES.** The following are defined as undesirable species and shall not be planted in the parking:

1. Prohibited Species as defined on the current version of the Tree Species Guide as periodically published by Trees Forever.
2. The following species of trees, regardless of how or where they are listed in the Trees Forever Tree Species Guide:

Ash	Silver Maple
Box Elder	Walnut
Chinese Elm	Willows
Cottonwood	Fruit trees
Mulberry	
3. All coniferous trees, including but not limited to pine, fir, and spruce.
4. Shrubbery of any kind.

SECTION 3. Section Amended. Section 151.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**PLANTING REGULATIONS.** Street trees, as defined in this chapter, may be planted by property owners in the parking in conformity to the following conditions:

1. To permit trees to attain their full natural development, minimum center-to-center spacing shall be observed as follows:
  - A. Category A Trees, twenty-five feet;
  - B. Category B Trees, forty-five feet.

When trees of different categories are planted next to each other, the center-to-center spacing shall be not less than that required for the largest tree.

2. At least nine square feet of ground shall be maintained for each street tree and no impervious material shall be placed nearer than twenty-four inches to the trunk of the tree.
3. No street tree shall be planted nearer than two and one-half feet to the curb and sidewalk line and centered in parkings.
4. No street tree shall be planted closer than thirty feet from the corner of the curb at intersections or closer than ten feet to the edge of a driveway.
5. The minimum spacing from a light standard or transmission pole shall be ten feet for Category A, measured from center of street tree to standard or pole. Category B Trees shall not be planted adjacent to a light standard or transmission pole.
6. Only the species of Category A Trees may be planted under transmission lines.

SECTION 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. When effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Finally passed by the Council and approved on April 22, 2025.



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Craig J. Berry, Mayor

Attest:



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Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published in The Jefferson Herald on May 1, 2025.



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Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk