

**ORDINANCE NO. 2550**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18.57 OF THE MOSES LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "LANDSCAPING"**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 18.57 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled "Landscaping" is amended as follows:

**18.57.055 Landscape Point Values:**

**A.** Applicant may use any combination of planting materials to meet the requirements of this section. Points are assigned based on the following:

Type of Plant Material	Mature Height	Minimum Size (at time of planting)		Point Value
		Deciduous Trees (In caliper inches)	Evergreen Trees (In feet of height)	
Large Tree	>60 ft	8-inch or greater	22 ft and over	85
	>60 ft	7-inch	19 - 21ft.	75
	>60 ft	6-inch	16 -18 ft.	65
	>60 ft	5-inch	13 -15 ft.	55
	>60 ft	4-inch	11-12 ft.	45
	>60 ft	3-inch	9 -10 ft.	35
	>60 ft	2-inch	7 - 8 ft	25
Medium Tree	25 ft to 60 ft	2 -inch	7 - 8 ft	18
Medium Tree	25 ft to 60 ft	1.5 -inch	5-6 ft	12
Small Tree	<25 ft	Single Trunk 1.5 inch caliper	5 - 6 ft	6
Ornamental Tree	varies	Multiple trunk (minimum 3 trunks): smallest trunk 1.5 inch caliper	5 - 6 ft	6
Large Shrub	>6 ft	5 - gallon and 24 -inch height at planting		3
Medium Shrub	3 ft to 6 ft	3- gallon and 12-inch height at planting		2
Small Shrub	< 3 ft	2- gallon and 8 - inch height at planting		1
Ornamental Grasses	varies	1 gallon		same as shrub of same mature height
Groundcover	< 1 ft, excluding flowers on tall stalks	1 gallon		½

Type of Plant Material	Mature Height	Minimum Size (at time of planting)		Point Value
		Deciduous Trees (in caliper inches)	Evergreen Trees (in feet of height)	
Existing Trees	varies	Greater than 3" caliper		10 pts + 10 pts/inch of caliper
Landscaped Berm		30" height; 10-foot length; 3:1 slope		1 per 5 lineal feet
Turf Grass	n/a	n/a		1/4 per square yard

Note: Points will be based on the size of the mature tree or shrub. For example, a small species of shrub in a 3 gallon pot at the time of planting will not be given points as a medium shrub, it remains a small shrub. The Community Development Department will maintain a list of commonly-planted species and the size per the above chart. For species not included in the list, mature height shall be as shown in a standard published source. Where a range of sizes is given in the source, points for the larger size may be claimed, provided the correct minimum size is planted for the points claimed.

B. Landscaping must equal or exceed a minimum number of points based on the size of the lot, the buffers required, and the number of parking spaces.

1. Site Points

Size of Developed Area	Number of Points Required
0-2,500 square feet	Site points = 10
2,500-5,000 square feet	Site points = 25
5,000-10,000 square feet	Site points = 50
More than 10,000 square feet	Site points = 50 plus 1 point for each 500 square feet over 10,000 square feet

2. Parking lots: 2 points per required parking space + 1 point for each parking space provided in addition to required spaces

C. An additional 10% in the number of points shall be required adjacent to the following aesthetic corridors:

1. West Broadway from I-90 to its intersection with Division Street
2. East Broadway from its intersection with Division Street to where it joins with Pioneer Way
3. Pioneer Way from where it joins with East Broadway to its intersection with Highway 17

D. Points for required buffers shall be in addition to the Site Points and Parking Lot Points required in this section.

E. A maximum of 25% of required landscape points may be claimed within street right-of-way.

- F. A minimum of 60% of points shall be used for landscaping in the front and side yards.
- G. A maximum of 25% of required points may be used for turf grass. Turf grass within street right-of-way does not earn any points.
- H. Drought Tolerant Landscaping. Landscaping areas that meet the criteria listed below may have the points required for that area reduced by 30%. To qualify as drought tolerant, the following must be incorporated:
  - 1. An approved drip irrigation system
  - 2. Low volume - low pressure - low flow distribution
  - 3. Drought tolerant plant selection
  - 4. Use of mulches

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and publication of its summary as provided by law.

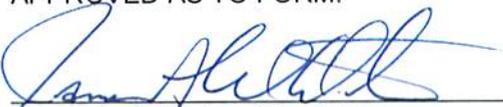
Adopted by the City Council and signed by its Mayor on February 9, 2010.

  
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Jon Lane, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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James A. Whitaker, City Attorney