

## **City of Watkins Tree Policy**

The City of Watkins shall allow trees to be planted within the limits of any street right-of-way or boulevard, providing the following rules are met:

- ❖ Only the following deciduous trees are allowable to be planted within any street right-of-way or boulevard
  - Maple species - Autumn Blaze - Firedance Red - Scarlet Sentinel - Sugar Maple - Red Maple
  - Hackberry
  - Linden species - American - Redmond - Shamrock
  - Basswood
  - Flowering Crab, Upright species only
  - Honey Locust - Imperial - Skyline - Shademaster - Sunburst
- ❖ No evergreens, bushes, shrubs, or vegetation other than deciduous trees may be planted as they obstruct the sight line view between the street and adjoining property
- ❖ If an overhead utility line exists above the planting area, only small, low growing ornamental trees may be planted
- ❖ All trees must be a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from traffic signs, street lights, hydrants, curb cuts, driveway aprons, sewer utility lines, or water utility lines
- ❖ Where curb and sidewalks now exist, all trees shall be planted on the centerline between the curb and sidewalk edge line
- ❖ No trees may be planted on any boulevard where the space available between the sidewalk and the curb is less than six (6) feet
- ❖ Trees shall be not less than fifteen (15) feet in distance between trees
- ❖ Due to their fast growth and/or root structure, the City does not allow the following trees to be planted in any street right-of-way or boulevard:
  - All species of evergreen trees
  - Silver Maple
  - Box Elder
  - All Poplar species
  - Willow
  - Russian Olive
  - All species of fruit or nut trees
  - Cottonwood
  - Birch
  - Catalpa
  - Black Walnut
  - Butternut
  - Norway Maple
  - Buckeye

Due to the occurrence of Dutch Elm Disease and Ash Borer Larva, the City of Watkins does not recommend the planting of Elm or Ash trees.

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