

CITY OF ROCKPORT TREE ORDINANCE SUMMARY:

*For full Code of Ordinances go to the city website rockporttx.gov/200/Ordinances-Resolutions



**In Code of Ordinances see Ch. 106 Tree & Landscape Regulations. Link: <https://ecode360.com/RO6462/laws/LF1914984.pdf>

- ❖ Preserve trees 8" DBH (diameter at breast height/about 4 ½ ft. above ground) or greater on public or private property, with the following exceptions:
 - State law exempts trees less than 10" DBH located on private property that has an existing 1 or 2 family dwelling that is occupied.
 - City owned public trees 8"+ located in utility easements; ROW trees dedicated to and maintained by the city and that are also on the Thoroughfare Plan, are exempt.
 - Dead/Diseased/Dangerous trees as determined by a certified Arborist.
 - The following species of trees are exempt: Hackberry, Eastern Red Cedar, Common Ashe Juniper, Chinaberry, Ligustrum, and *Mesquite*.
 - Other invasive species like Chinese Tallow and Salt Cedar.
 - Trees in the footprint of new construction house or driveway could be exempt if all design possibilities to shift the house or driveway to preserve trees have been exhausted.
 - Tree removal permit (see pg. 2) required prior to removal, but no mitigation for exceptions.

- ❖ If removal is permitted, mitigation is as follows:
 - 8"-24" DBH (Protected) trees - 1" removed to 1" replanted (with min. 2 ½" cal.)
 - 24"-48" DBH (Century) trees - 1" removed to 3" replanted (with min. 2 ½" cal.)
 - 48"+ DBH (Heritage) trees - 1" removed to 5" replanted (with min. 2 ½" cal.)
 - Windswept trees - 1" removed to 5" replanted (with min. 2 ½" cal.)
 - If space does not allow for replanting onsite, the dollar amount of \$50/inch mitigation can be paid into the Tree Preservation and Mitigation Account.

- ❖ See page 2 for City of Rockport applications/permit requirements regarding trees and landscape:
 - Application for Brush and Clearing Permit
 - Application for Tree Trimming/Removal Permit
 - Application for Tree & Landscape Plan Review