

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES FOR OWNER LOTS

Adopted 9116/03 by  
Harris Ridge Homeowner Association, Inc.

### 1. Grass.

#### 1.1 Type.

A. Grass shall be of a customary turf (St. Augustine, Bermuda, Buffalo, Zoysia, as examples) and not a common weed.

B. The yard shall be weeded regularly. No more than 40 square feet or 10% of front yard area (whichever is less) shall be comprised of weeds. Similarly, on a corner lot no more than 40 square feet or 10% of the street-side yard (whichever is less) shall be comprised of weeds.

#### 1.2 Length.

A. Grass shall be cut regularly, so that it does not exceed four inches in length for a period of more than seven consecutive days.

B. Grass length shall never exceed six inches. 1.3

#### 1.3 Density/Cover.

A. Areas of dead grass and bare spots in the front yard shall aggregate no more than 40 square feet or 10% of front-yard area, whichever is less. The front yard is the area from the street to the front of the residence, along the full width of the lot.

B. On corner lots that have a street-side yard, areas of dead grass and bare spots on the street-side yard shall aggregate no more than 40 square feet or 10% of street-side yard area, whichever is less.

#### 1.4 Edging.

Grass along curbs, driveways, and sidewalks shall be regularly edged. Grass runners shall not exceed 15 inches in length, nor shall there be more than six runners more than four inches in length along any linear foot of curb, driveway, or sidewalk. Yard clippings or tree debris must be swept, raked, or blown away from the street.

### 2. Bushes/Hedges.

#### 2.1 Trimming.

A. All bushes and hedges shall be trimmed regularly so that they do not block or obstruct any part of any sidewalk, street, driveway, or mailbox. **Plants must not be planted or allowed to grow within five feet of any fire hydrant or signs.**

B. As per the City of Austin Ordinances it shall be unlawful for either the owner or the occupant of any corner lot in the city to place, maintain or permit any plant higher than two feet above the ground. This includes all property ten feet back from the curb line and forty feet on either side from the street corner intersection of the curb lines.

3. **Trees.**

3.1 **Trimming.**

All trees shall be trimmed to keep limbs from blocking or obstructing any part of any sidewalk, street, driveway, or mailbox. **City of Austin requires minimum clearance of 14 feet above the street level at the nearest curb line.**

3.2 **Removal.**

Dead trees, as well as dead limbs that overhang any sidewalk, street, or neighboring property, shall be promptly removed. Stumps shall be cut down to within two inches of the surface of the ground.