Trees shall be a minimum of 15 gallon (i.e., 1-inch minimum caliper, 7-foot minimum height), and be of a type that provides a 30-foot minimum canopy at maturity. Trees to be planted in accordance with City tree planting and staking standards.

Trees shall be of a type that can reach maturity within 15 years from planting.

Trees shall be arranged in the parking lot to provide maximum shade coverage (based on 30-foot canopy) on August 21. The arrangement should approximate nearly a 50 percent shade coverage.

# Additional Criteria

Shrubbery, hedges or other acceptable living plant material (i.e., seasonal plants, flowering plants, etc.) is required in all areas not utilized for parking spaces, back-up areas, or access/circulation. All plants are to be of a species suited to Valley conditions.

# Existing Trees

Where healthy trees exist on a site prior to development, provisions shall be made to preserve them, and credit will be given toward the requirements herein providing that the existing trees are within the defined parking lot area.

### Existing Requirements

Where trees are required by the Street Tree Ordinance provisions (i.e., street frontage), they shall not count towards the requirements herein.

### Protection

Trees are to be planted in areas with a minimum 16 square feet of protected planting space. Such planting areas are to be protected by a minimum of 6-inch curbing or other similar substantially permanent method.

## **Official Tree List**

An official tree list shall be developed and maintained by the City. Trees required by this section shall be selected from the official tree list, or as acceptable by staff.

#### Tree List

Raywood Ash \* Zelkova Serrata \* Hackberry \* Pistache \* Bradford Pear \* Sycamore Mulberry (fruitless) Locust Crepe Myrtle Tulip Tree Valley Oak Red Oak Southern Live Oak Cork Oak Camphor Tree Blackwood Acacia Eucalyptus (blue gum) Pepper Tree Madrone Tilia Mayten Melia Laurel Sapium

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