



LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS **FOR NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES**

For new single family houses in the City of St. Francis, the following landscaping requirements are required per Chapter 20 of the Zoning Ordinance:

Top Soil

A minimum of three inches of top soil must be added to each parcel. In some cases more may be necessary where the soils are especially sandy. The purpose of the soil is to ensure that the parcel can be properly landscaped.

Grass

Grass is required to be planted over areas not covered by landscaping, buildings, sidewalks, driveways, patios, and other such features. In the front yard, the grass is required to be sod but the side and rear yards may be seeded. The front yard may be seeded when an irrigation system is installed.

Trees

At minimum, two deciduous trees 2" in diameter or larger shall be planted on the lot with at least one tree being planted in the front yard, if possible. No trees may be planted in the right-of-way. The trees shall be of the following varieties: Oak, Maple, Hackberry, Birch, Honeylocust, Linden, Basswood, or Kentucky Coffee Tree.

Escrows

In cases where the landscaping cannot be installed due to weather, an escrow of can be provided to the City to allow for a temporary certificate of occupancy. The amount of money to be escrowed is found in the City's Fee Schedule and is based on the number of tasks left to be completed.