



Heritage Tree Districts

Heritage Tree Districts include trees located in the front-yard requirements of the following streets:

Boulevard—from North Main Street to Old Williamston Road

West Market Street—from South Murray Avenue west to the City Limits Boundary

West Whitner Street—from South Murray Avenue west to the City Limits Boundary

Club Drive and Park Drive (Linley Park area)

North Avenue

North Street—from East Greenville Street to Orr Street

North Main Street—from Mauldin Street to Whitehall/Concord Road

East River Street—from South McDuffie Street to Gossett Street

East Calhoun Street—from North McDuffie Street to Wildwood Drive

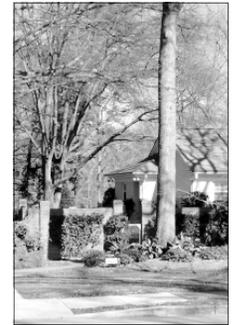
South Main Street—from River Street south to the City Limits Boundary

City of Anderson
401 South Main Street
Anderson, SC 29624



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What Does It Mean To Live In A Heritage Tree District?



For more about the Heritage Tree Districts
or for assistance in completing
the application process, please call:

The City of Anderson Planning Department
(864) 231-2222



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The Heritage Tree Districts in Anderson are beautiful places to live. To preserve this important part of our natural environment, we must invest in the care of existing trees. To insure lasting beauty and a pleasant, productive atmosphere for our citizens, we must plant new trees.

Benefits

Trees provide a variety of benefits to the city and its citizens:

Trees are beautiful. Spring flowers, varied leaf types and branching patterns, and colorful fall foliage add to the beauty of a city block and help define the character of a neighborhood.

Trees cool our air. Artificial surfaces such as asphalt retain and radiate heat. A single tree can have the cooling effect of five room air conditioners running twenty hours a day.

Trees improve air quality. Leaves breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. Branches and leaves trap particles of dirt and pollen, acting as natural filters.

Trees improve property values. A properly planned and well-maintained landscape can add 15% to your property value.

Trees make life enjoyable. They lend a more human scale to our sometimes harsh urban landscape, and they provide a continuing interaction with nature.

Trees provide homes for animals. Birds, squirrels and other wildlife depend on trees for nesting, shelter, and food.



Responsibilities

Although living in a Heritage Tree District is beneficial, there are certain responsibilities for the property owner. To preserve this important part of our natural environment, the City instituted the Heritage Tree Districts which set the rules for tree removal and replanting in these areas. Prior approval from the City is required before any tree subject to these standards may be removed. The Zoning Ordinance states that trees in the Heritage Tree Districts may be removed for the following reasons:

1. The tree is damaged or diseased
2. The tree unreasonably restricts the economic enjoyment of the property
3. The tree is too close to buildings or utilities
4. Removal is necessary in the interest of public safety and welfare as determined by the City of Anderson and/or the South Carolina Department of Transportation, whichever jurisdiction governs.

Approval Process

The property owner must apply for a Tree Removal Certificate before removing a tree. To obtain a Tree Removal Certificate:

1. Contact the City of Anderson Planning Department for an application. The Planning staff will work with the applicant in order to obtain the necessary information.
2. The Building Official and City Planner will make a decision regarding the request based on the standards of the City Zoning Ordinance.
3. If approved, a Tree Removal Certificate will be granted in order to proceed with the proposed project. The species, size and placement of replacement trees will also be approved at this time.

