

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PLANTING OR REPLANTING IN THE BOULEVARD SECTION 6.20

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trimont deems it necessary to regulate use of the public right-of-way for the safety, functionality, and maintenance of public infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Trimont hereby ordains:

Section 6.20 Trimont City Code Chapter 6, Section 6.20 reads as follows:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

Boulevard: For the purposes of this ordinance, the term “boulevard” shall refer to the portion of the public right-of-way located between the edge of the street (curb or pavement) and the adjacent private property line, typically including the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk, or the entire space if no sidewalk exists.

SECTION 2. PLANTING PROHIBITION

1. **No Planting Permitted:** No person, property owner, tenant, or contractor shall plant, replant, or otherwise install any trees, shrubs, flowers, decorative plants, or other vegetation in the boulevard area.
2. **No Obstructions:** The City prohibits the placing of items such as rocks, pots, and other landscaping in boulevard and easement areas, as these are designated for public utilities and stormwater drainage.
3. **Existing Vegetation:** Any existing plantings or landscaping in the boulevard prior to the effective date of this ordinance may remain, but shall not be rebuilt, replaced, or expanded if removed, damaged, or destroyed.
4. **City Maintenance:** The City reserves the right to remove any plantings found in violation of this ordinance, with or without notice, and shall not be liable for any damage or loss resulting from such removal.
5. **Landscaping Repair or Replacement:** The City shall not be responsible for the repair, replacement, or maintenance of any existing or future landscaping located within the boulevard.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS

1. This ordinance shall not apply to turfgrass, or groundcover planted by the City or property owner as part of standard boulevard maintenance or improvements.
2. This ordinance shall not apply to boulevard trees planted by the City or with written authorization from the City.

SECTION 4. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

City employees, contracted services, or law enforcement of the City of Trimont shall serve as the enforcement authority.

1. Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100 per violation.
2. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in accordance with state law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Trimont this 20th of October, 2025.

Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelli Harder City Clerk/Treasurer

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