

LANDSCAPING/LAND CLEARING CODE COMPARISON

	BREVARD CTY (for comparison)	% of other codes containing this item	City of Atlanta, GA	Beaufort Cty, SC (Hilton Head)	Broward Cty, FL	Collier Cty, FL	Flagler Cty, FL	Hillsborough Cty, FL	Indian River Cty, FL	Lake Cty, FL	Lee Cty, FL	Leon Cty, FL	Martin Cty, FL	Miami-Dade Cty, FL	Monroe Cty, FL*	Orange Cty, FL	Osceola Cty, FL	Palm Beach Cty, FL	City of Port Orange, FL	City of St. Augustine, FL	St. Johns Cty, FL	Sarasota Cty, FL	Seminole Cty, FL*	Volusia Cty, FL
GENERAL																								
Defines purpose, intent, findings of fact, and/or design standards		73%	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X			X
Provides authority to municipal arborist, county forester, etc.		9%	X																					X
Provides authority for a tree board, tree forest resource advisory committee, or environmental advisory board		18%	X										X		X				X					
Establishes or references a tree fund, tree bank, trust fund, tree replacement trust fund, or land bank	X	41%	X		X	X							X				X	X			X	X	X	X
Provides for tree relocation or mitigation on/to County property		18%					X										X				X	X		
AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS																								
Does not address agricultural uses with regards to land clearing		18%		X										X				X	X					
Generally exempts bonafide, commercial agriculture from land clearing requirements	X	68%	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Property must be designated as future ag use by Land Use Map, Comp Plan, etc	X	9%										X			X									
Requires partial preservation of agricultural land		9%										X					X							
Requires Management Plan		14%					X					X					X							
Protects historic, specimen, patriarch, etc. trees on agricultural lands		27%			X			X		X	X							X	X					
Requires land value exaction fee in lieu of preservation		5%										X												
No tree removal within wetlands, conservation areas, etc on agricultural lands		5%									X													
Property must be classified as having agricultural use by Property Appraiser	X	32%				X			X	X				X							X	X	X	X
Owner must enter into covenant agreement with County		5%											X											
Time limit for continued agricultural use (average of those counties with time limits - 5.1 yrs.)		36%			10 yrs		2 yrs		3 yrs		5 yrs	8 yrs							4 yrs	6 yrs			3 yrs	
Addresses clearing for domestic agricultural uses	X	5%															X							
TREE PRESERVATION / REPLANTING / MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS																								
Address canopy, upland, and/or native vegetation preservation	X	86%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Addresses or defines canopy, understory, subcanopy, overcanopy, vegetation strata, tree cover, and/or other related terms	X	64%	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Preservation, open space, and/or buffer requirements dependent upon zoning/use		50%	X	X	X	X			X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Accepts mitigation/replacement/restoration for land clearing violations		64%	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Accepts payment/renumeration in lieu of planting requirements		32%	X		X	X		X						X			X	X						
Protects and defines champion, grand, historic, specimen, and/or patriarch, etc. trees		73%	X	X	X	X		X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Requires or accepts conservation easements		23%	X		X			X	X								X							
Tree relocation / planting / preservation may be done off-site if space limited and approved		14%	X				X										X							
Softwoods (pines) treated differently as compared with hardwood protection		9%	X														X							
Establishes special communities of concern, areas of ecological concern, urban forests, and/or areas to be preserved		36%	X		X		X	X				X	X	X			X							
LANDSCAPING																								
Requires parking lot tree planting	X	64%	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X				X
Specific requirements for golf courses		9%					X					X												
Requirements for roadways, right-of-ways, STREET TREES are different from other development		27%		X	X						X	X	X				X							
Requires staking of improvements on-site prior to site plan approval		5%						X																
Specific requirements for stormwater plantings		14%									X	X					X							
Specific requirements for outdoor activities landscaping (playing courts & fields, pools, etc)		5%																X						
XERISCAPING OR WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING																								
Water-efficient or drought tolerant landscaping is required or promoted		41%			X	X			X		X	X		X				X			X		X	X
BETTERMENT PLANS																								
References Betterment Plans, Site Design Alternative Plans, Exceptions, Modified Preservation and Replacement Plans, Alternative Landscape Enhancement Plans for landscaping and/or preservation requirements	X**	41%			X	X				X	X	X	X		X		X	X						

*Land Clearing and Tree Protection Codes available and researched, but Landscaping Codes not available on municode.com
 **Betterment plans referenced in Landscaping Code only, not referenced in Land Clearing and Tree Protection Code