

# ARTICLE 10 STREET TREES

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## Article 10 - Street Trees

- Section 6.3 of Zoning bylaw requires applicants to provide a public shade tree every 25', for new construction, large additions, or redevelopment in B districts that's subject to a special permit.
- Article 10: would make this a requirement in B and R districts, regardless of whether a special permit is required. This would include the proposed MBTA Communities multi-family district.



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## 6.3.3. Administration

A. This Section 6.3 shall be administered subject to Sections 3.3, Special Permits, ~~and~~ 3.4, Environmental Design Review, and Site Plan Review, as applicable, by the Arlington Redevelopment Board. It shall be administered by the Zoning Board of Appeal for projects under its review. It shall be administered by the Department of Planning and Community Development if the project is not subject to review by the Redevelopment Board or Zoning Board of Appeals.



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The proposed bylaw amendments:

- Extends the Zoning Bylaw's standards for public shade trees to the residential districts
- Extends the Zoning Bylaw's standards for public shade trees to the multi-family neighborhood districts (if approved by Town Meeting)
- Supports replacement of trees lost due to age, storms, and failed survival of newly planted trees
- Encourages the expansion of Arlington's tree canopy in alignment with Arlington's environmental priorities and climate change mitigation goals

