

Recommended changes to Chapter 8 regarding plants in terraces

1. Change Table of Contents for 8.190 to read "Trees, Shrubs and Plants"
2. Change all areas of the body of section 8.190 that currently read "Trees and Shrubs" to "Trees, Shrubs and Plants"
3. Add a definition for "plants"
 - a. Any form of green or flowering plants, including edible fruits and vegetables.
4. Add a sub section in 8.190 to include below, referenced from The City of Milwaukee Code:
 - a. Planting of flowers and plants in the Public Right-of-Way
 - i. 1. PLANTING OF FLOWERS. The planting of flowers in the public right-of-way is permitted as long as it does not encroach in the path of pedestrians or block the vision of motorists. The diggers hotline must be contacted at least 3 business days prior to any excavation related to this subsection. 2. REQUIREMENTS. Flowers may be planted by, or with permission from, the property owner immediately adjacent to that section of the public right-of way. Plants may not grow so as to obstruct or encroach upon the curb or sidewalk, block sight lines to the street, be higher than 3 feet or potentially create a trip hazard on the sidewalk or roadway. The department of public infrastructure may issue additional planting guidelines. 3. LANDSCAPING EDGING. Decorative landscaping edging is permitted in the public right-of-way. It may not obstruct or encroach upon the curb or sidewalk, block sight lines to the street or potentially create a trip hazard on the sidewalk or roadway. 4. CITY LIABILITY. The city shall be held harmless from and against any damages to plantings permitted in this section occurring due to city operations or repairs including tree trimming, tree removal, stump removal, tree planting, utility repair and plowing or salting. 5. VIOLATIONS. If the department of public infrastructure determines that circumstances warrant, the property owner shall be notified and given 30 days to correct the violation. If the property owner does not remove the plant material within the 30 days, the department of public infrastructure will take corrective action and bill the owner.
5. Alter Street tree planting policy and permit from "Street Tree Planting" to "Terrace Planting". Also alter policy and permit accordingly to include below:
 - a. Section for plants in terraces
 - i. Request submission of planting plan
 - ii. Minimum terrace width (3' or greater to allow for 2' door swing)

- iii. Fertilizers or pesticides will be allowed if used according to manufacturer label
- iv. Guidelines specific to Adopt-A-Median locations:
 - 1. All participants shall properly wear safety apparel (i.e. safety vests, gloves, etc.) while working along the median.
 - 2. If directed by city staff, volunteers shall place traffic control signs, cones, etc. (supplied by the city) consistent with the directives of city staff.
 - 3. Flowerbeds or planted areas should be uniformly placed on all medians on the same street for a cohesive look. Flowers should be watered and deadheaded. If plantings die, they should be removed.
 - 4. Only plant material is allowed. No lawn ornaments or other types of statues are allowed without the approval of the City of Manitowoc Parks Department.
 - 5. Mulch may be used if placed in all planted areas on all medians on the same street. The mulch must be the same color in all areas on the same street. No stones or other materials are allowed without the approval of the City of Manitowoc Parks Department.
 - 6. Pavers or edging must be the same in all areas of the median on the same street.
 - 7. A list of acceptable plantings will be maintained for each street with plantable medians. Plants should not exceed the maximum designated height of 3' in order to maintain visibility for traffic, unless otherwise approved by the City of Manitowoc.
- v. Pavers or edging must be below or at grade
- vi. A buffer must be kept around hydrants and utility poles
- vii. Diggers hotline must be used if not hand digging
- viii. Bare ground may not be left exposed. Live ground cover, mulch, stone, or an approved equivalent must be used.