



CITY OF SHAVANO PARK
900 Saddletree Court
Shavano Park, TX 78231

CITY POLICY 22

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SUBJECT: City Owned Greenbelt Landscape Management and Maintenance

1. References.

- a) Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 282.002
- b) Sec. 6-124 of the City of Shavano Park Code of Ordinances
- c) Sec. 36-38 of the City of Shavano Park Code of Ordinances
- d) Chapter 14., Article V. – Citizens Tree Committee and Public Tree Care of the City of Shavano Park Code of Ordinances
- e) City Policy #11 – Signs on Public Property

2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the maintenance of greenbelts owned by the City of Shavano Park.

3. Staff Point-of-Contact. The staff point of contact for this policy is the City Manager at 210.493.3478 or at citymanager@shavanopark.org.

4. Background. The City owns a number of properties between subdivisions that are considered greenbelts. These greenbelts are not developable and are generally located in natural storm water runoff channels and floodplains. The City establishes the following guidelines in order to manage expectations concerning the City's responsibility to maintain the properties.

5. Definitions.

- a) *City owned Greenbelt.* A City owned vacant patch or parcel of forested land, behind, or adjacent to commercial or residential zoning districts officially designated as such and preserved from urban development
- b) *Landscape Management.* The management of the City owned greenbelts that keeps the areas naturally forested, protects water, allows adequate drainage, and reduces significant hazards.
- c) *Landscape Maintenance.* Scheduled or periodic cutting, mowing, debris removal, trash removal, tree trimming, planting, and watering,

6. Greenbelt Maintenance Policy.

- a) The City of Shavano Park will conduct Landscape Management on all City owned greenbelts.
- b) The City of Shavano Park will not conduct Landscape Maintenance on City owned greenbelts.
- c) The City of Shavano Park will conduct Landscape Maintenance of any sidewalk or trail system that is located within a greenbelt.
- d) Commercial or residential development is prohibited within City owned greenbelts.

- e) Mining, drilling or the taking of minerals is prohibited within City owned greenbelts.
- f) The placing of signs is prohibited in City owned greenbelts without approval from City Manager per City Policy #11 – Signs on Public Property.
- g) The harming or cutting down of public trees located in the greenbelt is prohibited per Public Tree Care Ordinance under Chapter 14., Article V of the City of Shavano Park Code of Ordinances. The gathering of naturally fallen lumber for non-commercial uses is allowed.
- h) Fences shall not be constructed in City owned greenbelts per Sec. 6-124 of the City of Shavano Park Code of Ordinances.

7. Greenbelt Access and Safety

- a) Generally, there are no improved trails in the greenbelts, but all City owned greenbelts are accessible to the public.
- b) The City of Shavano Park wishes to manage the greenbelts to retain their unimproved natural state and in doing so acknowledges that, like in all natural areas, storm water runoff, flooding, uneven ground, obstacles, heavy cover, rocks, and drop-offs exist.
- c) The City is not aware of any existing significant manmade or natural hazards.