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Purpose

To clearly define the responsibilities of property owners and the Town of Eston in maintaining boulevards, and to provide guidelines for the planting, maintenance, and removal of boulevard trees. This policy aims to balance public safety, property protection, and the preservation of healthy urban greenery.

1. Boulevard Maintenance Responsibilities

Property Owner Responsibilities:

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the condition of the boulevard adjacent to their property. This includes:

- Mowing grass if present.
- Keeping dirt, gravel, or rock surfaces free of weeds.
- Ensuring debris, including grass clippings or leaves, is not placed on the streets.

Planting:

- Property owners may plant grass on the boulevard without prior approval.
- Any planting beyond grass (e.g., shrubs, decorative rock, landscaping) requires prior approval from Council.

2. Boulevard Tree Management

Tree Removal:

Residents may request the removal of trees located on the Town-owned boulevard by submitting a written request to the Town Office.

Automatic approval will be granted if the tree meets one or more of the following conditions:

- The tree is dead or dying.
- The tree is diseased and poses a risk to other trees.

- The tree presents a safety concern or hazard to people or property (e.g., damaging infrastructure, blocking visibility).

Requests to remove a healthy tree with no apparent risk or issue will not be approved, except under exceptional circumstances as determined by Council.

Tree Removal Process:

1. Resident submits a written request to the Town Office.
2. Public Works or a designated official will assess the tree condition.
3. If the tree meets the removal criteria, it will be removed without further Council approval.
4. If the tree does not meet removal criteria, the request will be denied and the resident will be notified.

3. Tree Trimming Requests

If a tree on the boulevard requires trimming, residents should contact the Town Office. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, considering factors such as:

- Whether the tree poses a public safety hazard.
- Whether the tree is causing damage to adjacent yards, sidewalks, or streets.
- The type, health, and condition of the tree.

Please see appendix A for recommendation on type of trees for boulevards.

Repeal policy P2021-04 Boulevard Policy

Mayor Signature

Chief Administrative Officer