



DENVER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO THE 2019 DENVER BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS AND THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL CODES



2021 CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

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2) One proposal per this document is to be provided with clear and concise information.

Is a separate graphic file provided ("X" to answer): ___ Yes or X No

3) Highlight the code and acronym that applies to the proposal

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Code Name</u>
DBC-AP	Denver Building Code–Administrative Provisions	IPC	International Plumbing Code
IBC	International Building Code	IRC	International Residential Code
IECC	International Energy Conservation Code	IFGC	International Fuel Gas Code
IEBC	International Existing Building Code	IMC	International Mechanical Code
IFC	International Fire Code	DGC	Denver Green Code

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Please provide all the following items in your amendment proposal.

Code Sections/Tables/Figures Proposed for Revision:

Instructions: If the proposal is for a new section, indicate (new), otherwise enter applicable code section.

(New) 501.3.3.6 Established Tree Preservation (Mandatory)

Applicable to all project types (residential and non-residential, new construction, additions, alterations, repairs, change of occupancy)

Proposal:

Instructions: Show the proposal using ~~strikeout~~, underline format.

Place an "X" next to the choice that best defines your proposal: ___ Revision X New Text ___ Delete/Substitute ___ Deletion

501.3.3.6 (5.3.3.6) Established Tree Preservation (Mandatory): Any established tree not otherwise diseased or decayed shall be preserved in the minimum required primary street setbacks and side street setbacks for all project types. An established tree is considered: (1) Any live, self-supporting woody perennial plant which has a trunk diameter of 6 inches or more measured at a point four and one half (4 1/2) feet above ground level and which normally obtains a height of at least ten (10) feet at maturity, usually with one main stem or trunk and many branches. A tree trimmed by a certified arborist is considered to be preserved. No more than 1/3 of the existing tree can be trimmed.

Exception: A tree with more than 35% of a canopy over the property area where construction is proposed, and that would interfere with construction.

Supporting Information:

All proposals must include a written explanation and justification as to how they address physical, environmental, and/or customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver. The following questions must be answered for a proposal to be considered.

- Purpose: What does your proposal achieve?
Additional tree preservation in property set back areas.

- Reason: Why is your proposal necessary?
To retain more existing trees on private property to help urban tree canopy, species support, and carbon reduction.
- Substantiation: Why is your proposal valid? (i.e. technical justification)
This proposal extends the current tree preservation requirement on private property to apply to the construction of all project types (new construction, additions, alterations, remodels, and change of occupancy), which maintains the number of established trees in Denver. The current regulation is only applicable to the construction of new one-family, two- family and multi-family dwellings located in residential zone districts.

Bibliography and Access to Materials (as needed when substantiating material is associated with the amendment proposal):

- Office of the City Forester: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Parks-Recreation/Trees-Natural-Resources/Office-of-the-City-Forester/Property-Owner-Resources>
- Denver Code of Ordinances, Chapter 57 Vegetation: https://library.municode.com/co/denver/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITIIREMUCO_CH57VE
- Tree Protection Ordinance, City of Los Angeles: https://planning.lacity.org/code_studies/other/protectedtreeord.pdf
- Denver Zoning Code, Section 10.5.3: denvergov.org/zoning

Other Regulations Proposed to be Affected

***For proposals to delete content from the 2019 Denver Green Code in conjunction with adding it to other mandatory Denver codes and/or regulations, only.**

Please identify which other mandatory codes or regulations are suggested to be updated (if any) to accept relocated content.

Referenced Standards:

List any new referenced standards that are proposed to be referenced in the code.

Impact (DRAFT):

How will this proposal impact cost and restrictiveness of code? ("X" answer for each item below)

Cost of construction: ___ Increase ___ Decrease X No Impact
 Cost of design: ___ Increase ___ Decrease X No Impact
 Restrictiveness: X Increase ___ Decrease ___ No Impact