

City Core Streetscape Handout

Overview

The City of Meridian in coordination with Ada County Highway District (ACHD) manages the streetscape (see definition in sidebar) right of way within the City Core (see definition in sidebar). By managing the streetscape environment, the City is able to allow businesses the opportunity to provide additional amenities and services to their patrons and the general public, while at the same time contributing to the charm, appeal, marketability, and unique character of downtown Meridian.

Key Terms:

- » **Amenity:** Non-permanent encroachments placed within the streetscape (e.g., chairs, tables, umbrellas, planters).
- » **Clear Zone:** The area of the Use Zone to be free of encroachments or obstructions, typically five feet (5') wide.
- » **Encroachment:** Object placed within the streetscape.
- » **Street Furnishing Zone:** The area of the streetscape along the curb, typically eight feet (8') wide and containing streetscape improvements.
- » **Streetscape Improvement:** Permanent encroachment placed within the Street Furnishing Zone (e.g., street lights and street trees, tree grates, pavers, permanent bicycle racks).
- » **Use Zone:** The area of the streetscape between face of building and Street Furnishing Zone.

Specifics:

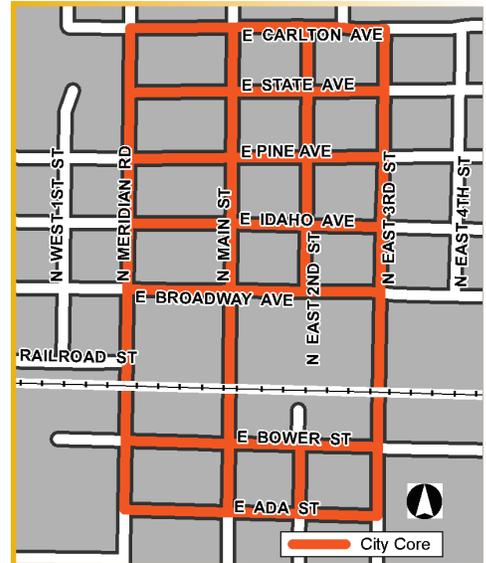
The streetscape environment is broken into three zones (see next page), each with different encroachment restrictions, allowances, and applications. Generally, the street furnishing zone is intended for permanent streetscape improvements such as street trees, lights, and trash receptacles, and not for private use. The Clear Zone is to be kept clear and unobstructed for pedestrian use. **Most business applications within the City Core will be for a City of Meridian Use Zone Encroachment Permit.**

For all streetscape applications, contact the Planning Division.

- » Except that portable signs as allowed by [Title 11](#) of Meridian City Code do not require a Use Zone Encroachment Permit, only a City of Meridian sign permit; and
- » Temporary and mobile uses (e.g., hot dog stand and lunch trucks), as defined in [Title 3](#) of Meridian City Code, are not administered as part of this process. Please contact the City Clerk at [208.88.4433](tel:208.88.4433) for additional information.

Where is the City Core?

- » The area of Meridian, Idaho bordered on the north by E. Carlton Avenue, on the south by E. Ada Street, on the west by N. Meridian Road, and on the east by N. East Third Street.



What is the streetscape?

- » In the City Core, typically that portion of sidewalk that is adjacent to the roadway, between the back of curb and face of building.

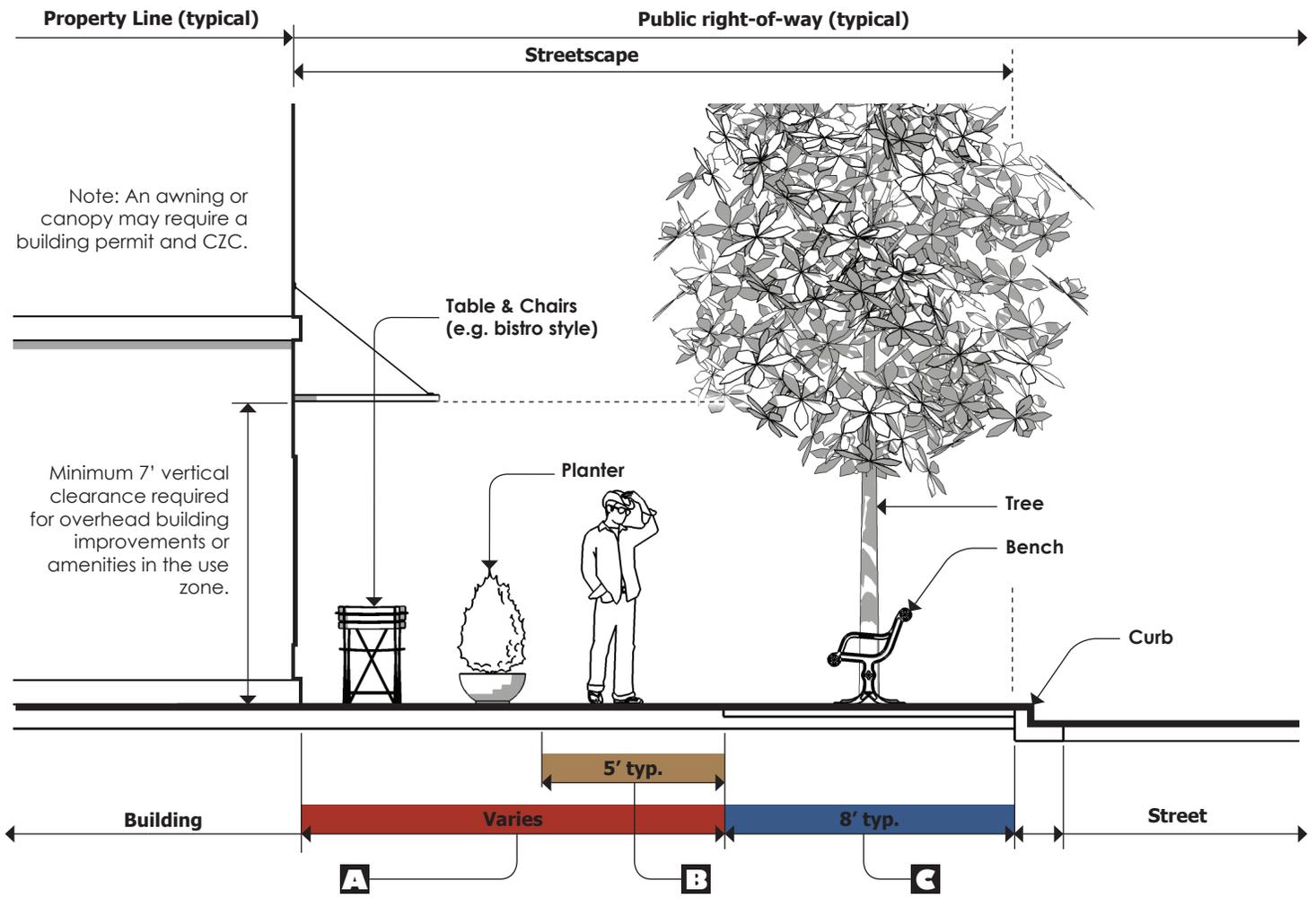
Contact Info!

Planning Division

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- » Phone | [208.884.5533](tel:208.884.5533)

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CITY CORE STREETScape HANDOUT



DESCRIPTION

ALLOWED ENCROACHMENTS

<p>A</p>	<p>Use Zone: [Apply for Use Zone Encroachment Permit.] The area of the streetscape between face of building and Street Furnishing Zone. The streetscape is typically reserved and intended for business uses that contribute to the appeal, marketability, and overall character of downtown Meridian, and should be of benefit to business owners, their patrons, and the general public.</p>	<p>Chairs, benches, seating, tables, umbrellas, supplemental lighting, heating & cooling appliances as allowed by Title 10, planters, portable signs (with sign permit), and other amenities as specifically allowed by Title 8.</p>
<p>B</p>	<p>Clear Zone: A linear pedestrian clear zone shall be maintained on the Streetscape at all times. Owners of property adjacent to the Streetscape shall be responsible for ensuring that the Clear Zone is at least five feet (5') wide, uninterrupted, generally parallel to the roadway, and free of all obstructions.</p>	<p>No encroachments are allowed within the clear zone.</p>
<p>C</p>	<p>Street Furnishing Zone: [Apply for Streetscape Sublicense] The area of the streetscape along the curb, typically eight feet (8') wide and containing streetscape improvements. This zone is primarily intended for permanent streetscape encroachments which will be turned over to the City, but may include special allowances in constrained conditions and for temporary uses.</p>	<p>Street lights, street trees, tree grates, special pavers, permanent bike racks, permanent planters, newspaper boxes, and other permanent encroachments as specifically allowed by Title 8.</p>