



Dear Builders,

According to Section 7.21.3 of *Land Use Bylaw 022-10*, as amended, which was approved by City Council on February 22, 2011, the City is authorized to collect a Landscaping Deposit of \$2,500.00 from the applicant of a new home construction.

This deposit will aid in the beautification of the City and give each new resident the assurance that they will have early enjoyment of the neighborhood and that it be as clean and tidy as possible. The relevant provision includes, but is not limited to the following:

7.21.3 Landscaped areas shall conform to the following requirements and standards:

- a) All areas of a site not covered by buildings, outside storage, parking or vehicular maneuvering areas or similar structures shall be landscaped;
- b) Where a private outdoor amenity space is provided within a required minimum landscaped area, it shall be considered as satisfying both requirements;
- c) Existing soft landscaping retained on the site may be considered as part of the fulfillment of the total landscaping requirement. Existing trees that are intended to remain on site shall be protected during development. Existing trees that are not to be retained on site, but that are in good condition and suitable for transplanting, shall be relocated on site or to an alternate location within the City.
- d) Trees shall be planted in accordance with the City of Chestermere Development Guidelines and Standard Specifications for Landscape Construction as amended from time to time;
- e) The quality and extent of landscaping established on a site shall be the minimum standard to be maintained on the site for the life of the development;
- f) all soft surfaced landscaped areas in multi-attached dwelling, commercial, industrial, and public service districts must be irrigated by an underground irrigation system, unless a low water irrigation system is provided; and
- g) In addition to all other landscaping requirements, all City boulevards adjoining the site shall be landscaped.

*\*It is required that at least one (1) tree be planted in the front yard of a residential lot or as an alternative, two (2) shrubs in the front yard and one (1) tree in a public green space. Should the builder/applicant choose the alternative, please contact the City for an appropriate public green space for planting.*

7.21.10 For single-detached and semi-detached dwelling sites, the City shall, as a condition of Building Permit approval, require that the Applicant provide a deposit in the amount of **\$2,500.00** as a security to ensure that sodding/seeding of the front yard, exterior side yard (for a corner lot), and, if adjacent to a park or otherwise visible from a public space, the side and/or rear yard be undertaken within one (1) year of final building inspection.

Please refer to *Land Use Bylaw 022-10*, as amended and the City of Chestermere Development Guidelines and Standard Specifications for Landscape Construction for the complete landscaping requirements.



**LANDSCAPING DEPOSIT REFUND PROCESS**

Please see the following steps for the Landscaping Deposit refund process:

- Builders/applicants can request a landscaping inspection to Community Growth & Infrastructure in writing with the following documents:
  - A copy of final inspection report of the home construction.
  - A letter stating that all the landscaping work on site has been finished
  - A signed "As Constructed Grade Certificate" as well as plot plan showing all completed grades according to the As Constructed Grade Certificate Program.
- The City's Landscaping Technician will schedule a site inspection according to the following principles:
  - Inspection should be scheduled at least one year after the date of the final inspection report from The City's Community Growth & Infrastructure.
  - Inspection can only be scheduled under appropriate weather condition to the discretion of the City inspector, generally, during mid-spring to mid-fall each year.
- The City will refund the deposit in a timely manner when the property has passed the landscaping inspection. Should there be deficiencies identified in the inspection, it is the builders/applicants responsibility to fix the deficiency(s) and request a second inspection by letter.

**Community Growth & Infrastructure  
City of Chestermere**



I, \_\_\_\_\_, as representative of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby  
(Print Name) (Builder Name)  
agree to the above terms for the construction on Lot \_\_\_\_, Block \_\_\_\_, Plan \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Builder Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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| Official Use      |                      |
| Permit No.: _____ | Civic Address: _____ |

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