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Road Clearance Trimming

The roads within Melody Ranch are owned and maintained by the Melody Ranch ISD. As such, the roads are within “road lots” owned by the ISD. These lots extend into most homeowner yards. It’s not unusual for owners to think their property extends to the edge of the roadway. With a few exceptions that is not the case. Over the years owners have installed trees and plants along the roadways within the road lots. In doing so, the owner is responsible for maintaining the shrubs and trees in a manner that does not interfere with vehicle traffic such as automobiles, firetrucks, school buses, ambulances, garbage trucks and delivery vehicles. Sight lines (visibility) are especially critical at intersections. Even on straight roadway sightlines are important so that the driver has time to react to pets, wildlife or children running into the street.

Several times a year the Melody Ranch property manager will drive our neighborhood and notify those owners that need their trees/shrubs trimmed out of the roadways. This has worked well for the most part. However, it has become apparent that there is no existing guideline on how much trimming is needed. This document is meant to help establish expectations on trimming but is not intended to be an exact design standard. Rather, it is a guideline to assist owners and contractors in their efforts to trim back plantings. In the event an owner is unable or unwilling to take the steps necessary to address trimming, the ISD may take the required action and bill the Owner. It is important that if owners do not keep adjoining plantings clear of the roadway, including sightlines at intersections, there is always the risk of liability in the event of damage to property, vehicles or injury to people.

Melody ISD Roadway Trimming Guideline:

Roadways:

*Required vertical clearance is a minimum of thirteen (13) feet above the roadway and at least two (2) feet back from edge of roadway pavement.*