From the City's UDO

Sec. 7-19-5. Payment in lieu of compliance.

(a) Payment may be made in lieu of compliance to fulfill the new tree canopy installation requirements for a site as found in Table 7-19.2 and 7-19.3.

(b) Payments in lieu of compliance received in relation to properties within a given Resource Management Overlay District shall be used to acquire land and plant or preserve trees within that same Resource Management Overlay District.

(c) *Exclusions*: Payment in lieu of compliance shall not be accepted for:

(1) Areas containing aquatic buffers.

(2) Areas defined as steep slope zone A or B as defined by section 7-12-4.

(d) *Calculation of payment amounts*.

(1) The payment amount in lieu of planting shall be based on values listed in the current year fees and charges manual.

From the City's FY 2025-26 Fees and Charges Manual

Fee-In-Lieu for Tree - Per square foot of tree canopy

- Land, Admin, & Installation - Downtown $31.44
- Land, Admin, & Installation - Urban $5.42
- Land, Admin, & Installation - Suburban $4.54
- (p.13 of the pdf)

The City of Asheville's Tree Canopy Calculator