

Village of Lawrence, MI – Tree Ordinance

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State law reference—Municipal forests, MCL 324.52701 et seq.

Sec. 10-87. - Owners; shade/ornamental trees; procedure.

Any person owning or occupying lots adjoining any highway or street in said village may set out shade or ornamental trees on the side of the highway or street contiguous to his land, which trees shall be set in regular rows; provided, however, that said trees shall not be set within six feet of the margin of the highway, nor within three feet from the edge of any public sidewalk; provided, however, that in the event there be less than nine feet between the edge of the sidewalk and the margin of the abutting highway, then and in that event the property owner abutting thereon may apply to the village council for permission to plant said trees, and the village council, in its discretion may grant permission therefor, said permission to be given in writing and signed by the village clerk.

(Comp. Ords. 1987, § 30.051)

Sec. 10-88. - Willful destruction of trees; penalties.

Any person who shall willfully injure, deface, tear or destroy any tree or shrub planted or set along the margin of said highway in said village or purposely left there for shade or ornament, so long as said trees or shrubs are alive, or any person who shall cut down, mutilate or destroy the protection placed around any such tree, upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Comp. Ords. 1987, § 30.052)
