

Chapter 18 - VEGETATION

FOOTNOTE(S):

⁽²⁵⁾ **State Law reference**— Care of trees and shrubs, MCL 247.241 et seq.

Sec. 18-1. - Trimming of trees adjacent to streets, sidewalks.

- (a) It shall be required for all persons owning property in the village in front of or adjoining whose property or premises shade, ornamental and any other trees may be standing in the streets of the village to keep the trees properly trimmed up for a distance of ten feet above the level of the surface of the sidewalk, and the trees shall be kept headed back accordingly.
- (b) It shall also be required for all persons owning property in the village to keep any trees growing or standing upon their property in the village, the branches of which may or do extend over, above and across the sidewalks abutting the premises, trimmed up so there shall be no branches extending over the sidewalk lower than ten feet from the surface of the sidewalk.

(Ord. No. 10, §§ 1, 2, 7-2-07)

Sec. 18-2. - Cutting of weeds on property adjacent to street.

It shall be required for all persons owning property in the village in front of or adjoining whose property or premises weeds grow in the streets of the village, to keep the same cut down close to the ground.

(Ord. No. 10, § 3, 7-2-07)

Sec. 18-3. - Trimming, cutting by village upon failure of property owner; recovery of costs.

The owners of all property or premises in the village are hereby required to trim their trees as provided in this article, within ten days after due notice to the owner of the property, and in default thereof the same shall be done under the direction of the public works committee, who shall report the cost and expense of trimming the trees and cutting the weeds in front of each piece of property in the village to the village council. Such cost and expense shall, in the instance, be paid out of the general fund of the village and thereupon the same shall be charged against the lot or premises and the same shall be reported to the board of special assessors of the village, which shall assess the same against each of the parcels of land or premises in front of or adjoining which the trees were trimmed and weeds were cut, in the manner and at the time provided in the charter of the village for making special assessments.

(Ord. No. 10, § 4, 7-2-07)

Sec. 18-4. - Noxious weeds.

It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupant of land, and of every person having charge of any lands within the village, to cut or cause to be cut down and destroyed all Canada thistles, wild carrot, oxeye daisies, or any other noxious weeds growing thereon, or upon any street passing by or through such land, at least twice a year, once before July 1 and again before September 1, and as much oftener as may be necessary to prevent them from going to seed.

(Ord. No. 19, § 1, 7-7-19)

State law reference— Control and eradication of noxious weeds, MCL 247.61 et seq.

Sec. 18-5. - Abatement of noxious weeds by village; recovery of costs.

It shall be the duty of the public works committee, to enforce the provisions of this article. Upon the failure or neglect of the owner, possessor, occupant or custodian of any land within the corporate limits of the village to cut and destroy noxious weeds growing thereon or upon the streets passing by or through the land, within the time fixed by this article, the public works committee shall cause such weeds to be cut and destroyed. In such case the cost of cutting and destroying the noxious weeds, together with the cost of assessing and making collection as provided by law or ordinance, shall be assessed against the property on which or adjoining which such weeds are cut, and collection shall be made in the manner provided for the collection of special assessments.

(Ord. No. 19, § 2, 7-7-19)