

ORDINANCE NO. 13

An Ordinance Relative to the Preservation of Trees and Shrubs.

THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

Sec. 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person to willfully injure, deface or destroy any tree or shrub planted along the margin of the highway or purposely left there for shade or ornament, or situated upon any village lot within said Decatur village, or to hitch any horse or other beast to any such tree or shrub or to negligently or carelessly by any other means suffer any horse or other beast driven by or for him or any beast belonging to him or in his care or control and in the public streets of said Decatur village to break down, destroy or injure any tree or shrub not his own, standing for use or ornament in any of the public streets of said Decatur village, or situated upon any village lot in said Decatur village.

Sec. 2. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars and the costs of prosecution or by imprisonment in the village or county jail, not exceeding thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; and upon failure to pay such fine and costs of prosecution may be imprisoned for any time not exceeding thirty days unless payment thereof be sooner made and the person so convicted and imprisoned shall be kept at labor outside or inside such place of imprisonment under the direction of the Marshal of said village, and if imprisonment be adjudged in any case it may be in the village prison or in the county jail of Van Buren County or in any other place of confinement provided by said village for such person in the discretion of the court.

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