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The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Public highway means all the land lying between private property lines on each side of all public streets, alleys, boulevards and places.

Shrub means such vegetation which does not grow as high as 15 feet.

Tree means all woody vegetation which grows 15 feet or higher.

(Code 2000, § 78-31; Ord. No. 56, § 2, 7-1-1957)

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The city shall have exclusive jurisdiction, authority, control, supervision and direction over all trees, plants and shrubs planted or growing in or upon the public highways and public places of the city and their planting, removal, care and maintenance, and protection.

(Code 2000, § 78-32; Ord. No. 56, § 1, 7-1-1957)

Sec. 40-21. - Control of insects, pests and diseases permanent link to this piece of content

The city shall take such measures as may be deemed necessary for the control and extermination of insects, pests and plant diseases which may injuriously affect trees, plants or shrubs growing in the public highways or public places of the city.

(Code 2000, § 78-33; Ord. No. 56, § 4, 7-1-1957)

State law reference— Control of insect pests and contagious plant diseases, MCL 286.251 et seq.

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The city shall have the power to enter upon any private grounds in the city and to spray or otherwise treat, or cause or order to be sprayed or otherwise treated, any tree, plant or shrub infested by any parasite or insect pest when it shall be necessary to prevent danger to trees, plants or shrubs planted in the public highways or public places.

(Code 2000, § 78-34; Ord. No. 56, § 4, 7-1-1957)

Sec. 40-23. - Municipal civil infraction.permanent link to this piece of content

A person who violates any provision of this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine as set forth in section 1-12(2). Repeat offenses under this article shall be subject to increased fines as set forth in section 1-12(2).

(Code 2000, § 78-34)

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