## Village of Jonesville

# Code language and policies referencing public trees as of 2015

## • ARTICLE VI. - OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

### • Sec. 9-171. - Destruction of property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, remove, damage, alter or in any manner deface any property not his own, or any public school building, or any public building, bridge, fire hydrant, alarm box, street light, street sign, traffic-control device, railroad sign or signal, parking meter, or shade tree belonging to the village or located in the public places of the village, or mark or post handbills on, or in any manner mar the walls of, any public building, or fence, tree, or pole within the village, or destroy, take, or meddle with any property belonging to the village, or remove the same from the building or place where it may be kept, placed or stored, without proper authority; or disturb, tamper with, disconnect or damage any village water meter without proper authority.

(Ord. No. 69, § 2(13), (14), 6-9-69)

State Law reference— Malicious mischief, MCL 750.377 et seq., MSA 28.609 et seq.

• Secs. 9-172—9-195. - Reserved.

## **ARTICLE IV. - SUBDIVISION DESIGN STANDARDS**

• Sec. 20-57. - Public spaces.

(a)

Where the subdivision contains a street, park, school or other public area which is shown on the comprehensive plan as intended for public ownership, all or part of such area shall either be dedicated to the proper public agency, or it shall be reserved for acquisition thereby, within a specified period by a purchase or other means. An agreement shall be entered into between the subdivider and the proper public agency regarding the time and method of acquisition and the cost thereof, or an agreement shall be made by the appropriate public agency upon an alternate location that is satisfactory to the planning commission.

(b)

Due regard shall be shown for the preservation of outstanding natural and cultural features, such as scenic areas, trees, watercourses and historic sites.

(Ord. No. 181, Art. IV, 5-1-96)

## **ARTICLE V. - SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS**

#### • Sec. 20-75. - Optional public improvements.

(a)

*Recreational:* Where a school site, neighborhood park, recreation area, or public access to water frontage, as previously delineated or specified by official action of the planning commission, is located in whole or part in the proposed subdivision, the village council may request the reservation of such open space for school, park and recreation or public access purposes. All such areas shall either be reserved for

the respective school district in the case of school sites or for the village in all other cases; however, voluntary dedication of these land areas will be accepted.

(b)

*Greenbelts:* It is desirable for the protection of residential properties to have greenbelts or landscaped screen plantings located between a residential development and adjacent major arterial streets and railroad rights-of-way. Where a subdivider desires to protect his development in this respect, a proposed subdivision plat shall show the location of said greenbelts.

(c)

*Street* trees: Street trees of a variety and size approved by the village shall be planted within the street right-of-way. The location of street trees shall be approved by the village manager or designee.

(d)

*Street lighting:* Street lights may be required to be installed at intersections and other areas throughout the subdivision. In these cases, a subdivider shall conform to the requirements of the village and the public utility providing such lighting.

(Ord. No. 181, § 5.5, 5-1-96)