

City of Sault Ste. Marie – Tree Ordinance

ARTICLE II. TREES, SHRUBS AND PLANTS

Sec. 25-16. Planting or removing in public places.

No person, except the city, shall plant, remove or destroy any ornamental shade trees or shrubs in any public place unless authorized by the city manager.

(Code 1957, § 7-1.06)

Sec. 25-17. Attaching articles to trees in street areas prohibited.

No person shall attach any guy rope, wire, cable or other contrivance whatsoever, to any tree in any public place or use the same for any banner, sign or purpose whatever.

(Code 1957, § 7-1.06)

Sec. 25-18. Permit required to cut, trim, etc., trees in public places.

No person shall cut, trim, saw or otherwise mutilate any tree in any public place to make room for telephone, telegraph or electric line wires, moving of buildings or machinery, building a sidewalk, or for any other purpose, without first obtaining a permit from the city clerk.

(Code 1957, § 7-1.06)

Cross references: Licenses and permits, Ch. 14.

Sec. 25-19. Location of trees and shrubs near sidewalks restricted.

No person shall plant between the sidewalk and curb any tree or shrub at a distance closer than thirty (30) inches to the sidewalk.

(Code 1957, § 7-1.06)

Sec. 25-20. Removal when roots are causing damage to public property.

When in the judgment of the city manager, the roots of any tree or bush are causing damage to any sewer, sidewalk, pavement or other public property the same may be declared to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 18.

(Code 1957, § 6-1.10)

Cross references: Nuisances, Ch. 18.

Sec. 25-21. Permit required to plant certain species on private property.

No person shall plant any poplar, box elder, basswood, willow, soft maple, common catalpa, horse chestnut tree, or "ailanthus glandulosa" on any private property without first obtaining a written permit to do so from the city manager.

(Code 1957, §§ 6-1.10, 7-1.06)

Cross references: Licenses and permits, Ch. 14.

Sec. 25-22. Trimming of trees and shrubs near streets and alleys required by property owners or occupants.

(a) The person having the care, either as owner or occupant, of any premises bordered by a public street or alley shall trim any limbs or branches of trees or shrubs growing on such premises in such a manner that a clear space of eight (8) feet shall be found between such branches and the ground surface of the public street or alley.

(b) The person having the care, either as owner or occupant, of any premises bordered by a public street or alley shall trim any hedge or bush on said premises in such a manner that no part encroaches upon the public street or alley.

(Code 1957, § 7-1.06)

Secs. 25-23--25-33. Reserved.