

170-7. Street Trees

- A. Planting. No person shall plant any permanent tree, shrub or plants, as well as install permanent type landscaping in the public right of way without a permit or approval from the Village President or the Director of Public Works, who shall for the purposes of this section have the powers and duties of a Village Forester under [W.S.A.s. 27.09](#).
- B. Tree Care. All owners or occupants of any lot or premises within the Village shall trim all tree limbs, boughs, branches, leaves or any shrub which projects over the side edge or above a public sidewalk. Tree branches, limbs, boughs and shrubs shall be trimmed back to the side edge of the sidewalk, and to a minimum height of eight feet above the public sidewalk so any pedestrian or bicycle rider is not obstructed or interfered with, and safe passage on such public sidewalk is guaranteed. Section 27.09 of the Wisconsin statutes shall apply, and the Village Board shall have the powers and duties conferred upon the Board of Park Commissioners.
- C. If any owner or occupant of any lot or premises fails to comply with the requirements specified in Subsection B, the Building Inspector or the Director of Public Works shall notify such owner or occupant to comply with this section. If such owner or occupant neglects or refuses to comply within ten business days after such notice is given, the Director of Public Works shall cause the removal of such trees, limbs, boughs or shrubbery so as to be in compliance with this section, and the cost thereof shall be invoiced or assessed against the property upon which any such trees, limbs, boughs, or shrubbery may be growing or standing as a special tax.
- D. Safety Hazard. Whenever the Chief of Police or the Director of Public Works determines that any tree, bush or shrub in the public right-of-way is in such condition or location as to create a traffic or safety hazard, the property owner shall be given ten business days' written notice to trim or remove the same so as to eliminate such hazards. If such property owner fails to act within the required time, the Director of Public Works shall take the necessary steps to remove such hazard, and any expenses so incurred shall be invoiced or assessed to the property owner.
- E. Assessments for Tree Removal. See [170-8, I \(2\)](#).