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§ 96.01 CONTROL

The Department of Public Works shall have control over all trees, shrubs and plants planted or to be planted in the public highways, parks or other public places of the city. The Department of Public Works shall have power to plant, prune, spray and otherwise maintain such trees, plants and shrubs to determine the type or kind of trees to be planted. (`60 Code, § 5501.1)

§ 96.02 DEFINITION

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

PUBLIC HIGHWAY. All of the land lying between property lines on either side of all the public streets, boulevard, and alleys in the city. (`69 Code, § 5501.2)

§ 96.03 DESTRUCTION.

- (A) No person shall cut down, deface, destroy, damage, or injure any tree, shrub, or plant upon the public highways or parks or other public places of the city without first obtaining permission from the Department of Public Works.
- (B) No person shall fasten any wire, rope, chain, or cable to any tree or shrub for the purpose of anchorage without a written permit from the Department of Public Works.

(C) No person shall nail, tie, or in any other manner fasten any cards, signs, posters, boards, or other articles to any tree, shrub, or plant growing upon any public highway, park, or other public place in the city.

(`69 Code, §§ 5502.1 - 5502.3) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 96.04 OVERHANGING TREES AND SHRUBS.

- (A) Every owner of any tree, shrub, or plant overhanging the streets or highways within the city shall trim the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of ten feet above the surface of the street or highway.
- (B) The owner shall remove all dead, diseased, or dangerous trees or broken or decayed limbs of trees which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. (`69 Code, §§ 5503.1, 5503.2) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 96.05 CORNER LOTS.

All bushes, shrubs, or plants located on any corner lot within the city shall not be permitted to grow to a height of more than three feet above the surface of the roadways in order that the view of the driver of a vehicle approaching the street intersection shall not be obstructed.

(`69 Code, § 5504.1) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 96.06 FAILURE TO TRIM.

- (A) In all cases of violation of § 96.03 or § 96.04, the Department of Public Works shall be written notice, given in accordance with § 10.20, order the owner of any tree, shrub, or plant, to trim or cut the same so as to comply with the provisions of this chapter. The order shall be complied with within a period of ten days.
- (B) Should the owner refuse or neglect to comply with such order within the ten days period, the Department of Public Works shall perform the necessary work. In such case, the city shall have an action at law against the owner of such premises for the cost and expenses incident to such work and shall be entitled to a judgment for the same.
- (C) Any failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter, or with any lawful order of the Department of Public Works, after due notice thereof, shall be a violation of this Code and punishable as provided herein.

(`69 Code, §§ 5505.1 - 5505.3) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 96.07 PLANTING OF TREES.

- (A) No tree, shrub, or plant shall be placed in any public street, park, or public place except under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (B) No poplar, box elder, or willow tree shall hereafter be planted in the public highways, parks, or other public places of the city.

 (`69 Code, §§ 5506.1, 5506.2) Penalty, see § 10.99