

Chapter 25

TREES

Part 1 STREET TREES

§ 25-101. Definitions. [Ord. 1993-9, 7/21/1993, § 1]

The word "person," as used in this Part shall mean and include any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation. The singular shall include the plural; the plural shall include the singular; and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

§ 25-102. Restrictions on Planting and Growing of Trees. [Ord. 1993-9, 7/21/1993, § 2; as amended by Ord. No. 2005-7, 12/19/2005]

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to plant, maintain or allow to grow any tree 42 inches in height within any of the areas below:
 - A. Within 12 feet of the edge of cartway of any public street or alley.
 - B. Within 23 feet of the center of any public street or alley.
 - C. Within the right-of-way of any public street or alley.
 - C. The above restrictions apply only to ordained public streets and alleys
 - D. Within 12 feet of any Township utility line.

§ 25-103. Restrictions on the Planting, Maintaining and Growing of Certain Species of Trees. [Ord. 1993-9, 7/21/1993, § 3]

1. It shall be unlawful to plant, maintain or allow to grow trees of any species having abundant surface roots such as Sycamore, Norway Maple, Elm, Pin Oak and Silver Maple in such proximity as to promote heaving and buckling of any sidewalk, curb or pavement within a public right-of-way.
2. It shall be unlawful to plant, maintain or allow to grow trees of any species having deep, far reaching root systems, such as Weeping Willows, within 100 feet of any public water or sewer line.

§ 25-104. Clearance Above Street and Sidewalk. [Ord. 1993-9, 7/21/1993, § 4]

Every owner of property in Sandy Township shall be required to keep limbs and branches of all trees growing upon such property or along the street, sidewalk, curb or alley abutting upon such property trimmed so that no part of such limbs, branches or of the foliage growing thereupon, shall have a clearance of less than eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk. Further, any such limbs, branches or foliage growing thereupon, extending to within eight feet of the cartway of any ordained public street or alley shall be kept trimmed to provide a clearance of not less than

14 feet above the nearest edge of said cartway.

§ 25-105. Removal and Trimming of Trees. [Ord. 1993-9, 7/21/1993, § 5]

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in Sandy Township to conform to the requirements of this Part as to trees upon property owned by them or along streets, alleys and sidewalks abutting upon such property, and upon notice from the Sandy Township Engineer, to remove any tree or trees in violation of § 25-102 or § 25-103 of this Part, and to trim or cut the limbs or branches of trees as required by § 25-104 hereof. Any person failing to comply with such notice, within the time limit therein stated, shall be guilty of a violation of this Part and, following the expiration of such time limit, the Sandy Township Engineer shall have the authority to cause the work required by such notice to be done by the Township or under contract therewith and to collect the cost of such work, with an additional amount of 10% from such property owner in default.

§ 25-106. Penalties. [Ord. 1993-9, 7/21/1993, § 6; as amended by Ord. 1996-6, 8/21/1996, § 1; by Ord. 1997-2, 4/2/1997, § 1; and by Ord. No. 2005-7, 12/19/2005]

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.