

Chapter 122

TREES AND SHRUBBERY

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Thurmont 1-8-1986 by Ord. No. 85-6. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 122-1. Trimming and removal.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning real estate within the Town of Thurmont to permit any tree or shrub growing along the sidewalk abutting said real estate to hang over or branch in such a manner as to obstruct the sidewalks or streets, or obscure street lamps, traffic signals or signs. Trees shall be kept trimmed by the owner so that limbs shall not be closer than nine feet above the pavement. Any such tree or shrub in violation of this section shall be removed or trimmed by the owner as hereinafter directed. In all cases where any tree or shrub is required to be removed or trimmed, the Town of Thurmont shall notify the owner in writing to remove or trim such tree or shrub within five days after mailing of said notice to the owner at his address as listed on the assessment records. Failure to remove or trim the tree or shrub as directed within the time allowed shall constitute a municipal infraction. It shall thereafter be lawful for the town to remove or trim such tree or shrub and bill the reasonable costs thereof to said owner, to be recovered by civil process.

§ 122-2. Trimming and removal near electric lines.

The Town of Thurmont shall investigate and condition whereby tree limbs might have an adverse impact on electric utility lines. It shall be the responsibility of the electric utility to trim such trees.

§ 122-3. Planting in curb strips or streets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to plant or set a tree or shrub in any public way or street, or in any curb strip from the inside of the curb to the outside of the sidewalk, except with the permission of the Board of Commissioners.

§ 122.4. Removal by town at owner's request.

In the event that the owner, after receiving the notification provided for above, should request that the town perform the removal or trimming specified in the notification, the work shall be performed by the employees or agents of the town and the billing for the cost thereof will be paid by the owner.

§ 122-5. Violations and penalties.

The violation of this chapter is declared to be a municipal infraction. The penalty for violation shall be the sum of \$25.