

Chapter 157

TREES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Canonsburg 11-1-1988 as Ch. 25 of the 1988 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Brush, grass and weeds — See Ch. 85.
Grading and excavating — See Ch. 102.
Littering — See Ch. 110.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 131.
Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 149.
Zoning — See Ch. 170.

§ 157-1. Definitions; word usage.

The word "person," as used in this chapter, 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.

§ 157-2. Restrictions on planting and growing.

It shall be unlawful for any person to plant, maintain or allow to grow any North Carolina poplar within the lines of any street, alley or sidewalk in the Borough of Canonsburg or within 100 feet of any public sewer or water line.

§ 157-3. Height regulations.

Every owner of property in the Borough 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 or branches or of the foliage growing thereupon shall have a clearance of less than eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk or of less than 14 feet above the surface of the roadway of any street or alley.

§ 157-4. Removal and trimming.

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Borough of Canonsburg to conform to the requirements of this chapter as to trees upon property owned by them or along streets, alleys and sidewalks abutting upon such property and, upon notice from the Borough Council, to remove any tree or trees growing in violation of § 157-2 of this chapter and to trim or cut the branches or limbs of trees as required by § 157-3 hereof. Any person failing to comply with any such notice within the time limit stated therein shall be guilty of a violation of this

chapter, and following the expiration of such time limit, the Borough Council shall have the authority to cause the work required by such notice to be done by the municipality or under contract therewith and to collect the cost of such work with an additional amount of 10% from such property owner in default.

§ 157-5. Damage to sewer lines by tree roots.

Whenever it shall appear that the roots of any tree now growing within the Borough obstruct or interfere with the operation of any public sewer in said Borough, the Street Commissioner shall give written notice thereof to the owner of such tree or the person in front of whose property the same may be located, requiring him or them to remove such tree and repair any damages to sewer caused by such tree within five days from the service of said notice, and upon a failure to remove said tree and make such repairs within the time fixed in said notice, the corporate authorities may cause said tree to be removed and collect the cost and expense thereof, together with the expense of repairing said sewer, from the owner of said tree or the person in front of whose property the same may be located, to be collected as other debts are by law collected.

§ 157-6. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300 and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days.