Sec. 106-31. Obstruction; pruning of trees.

(a) It shall be the duty of any person or persons owning or occupying real property bordering on any street or public way upon which property there may be trees, to prune such trees in such a manner that they will not obstruct or shade the street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision or traffic signs, obstruct flow of vehicular traffic, or obstruct view of any street or alley intersection. Such clearances and prunings shall be done in a judicious manner so that such trees will not be damaged.

(b) Should any person or persons owning real property bordering on any street fail to prune trees as provided in this section, the city tree official shall order such person or persons to prune such trees within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a written notice.

(c) When a person to whom an order is directed shall fail to comply within the specified time, the city, shall do such pruning and/or trimming, or cause same to be done and shall charge the expense in doing such work or having such work done to the city. Such expense or expenses shall then be assessed on the real estate or lot or lots upon which such expense was incurred and a lien placed on the real property as provided by law.

(d) All franchise holders, such as electric utility or cable television companies, shall coordinate tree pruning with the city tree official prior to start of pruning work.

(Ord. No. 1024, § 5, 3-12-96)

Sec. 106-32. Specific requirements.

(a) Unless specifically authorized by the city tree official, no person shall remove, intentionally damage, mutilate, and allow any gaseous liquid or solid substance which is harmful to protected trees, to come in contact with them; or set fire or permit any fire to burn when such fire or the heat thereof will injure any portion of any protected tree.

(b) Spacing of replaced or newly planted trees should be determined by the tree committee according to local conditions, tree species used, their height, spread and form.

(c) Site plan for commercial development sites. The plot plan that is required for building permits shall include, where required, a tree plot plan with the following:

(1) General location and general identification of all protected trees;

(2) Location of greenbelt area;
(3) Location of proposed structure, parking areas, and other planned areas;

(4) Indication of protected trees to be removed and trees to be retained;

(5) Location of replacement trees;

(6) Grade changes and/or concrete placement which might adversely affect or endanger the trees.

(Ord. No. 1024, § 6, 3-12-96)