

## Chapter 256

### TREES

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Dickeyville 4-13-1983 (§ 5.09 of the 1975 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **§ 256-1. Trees to be kept trimmed.**

Trees standing in and upon any public street or place, or upon any lot or land adjacent thereto, shall be pruned and trimmed by the owner or owners or occupants of the property on or in front of which such trees are growing so that the lowest branches projecting over the public street or alley will provide a clearance of not less than 14 feet and a clearance of not less than 10 feet over any other public place and so that no dead, broken or otherwise hazardous branches shall be likely to fall and to cause injury to the public. Any tree not trimmed as herein provided shall be deemed hazardous.

#### **§ 256-2. Hazardous and infected trees.**

Any tree or part thereof, whether alive or dead, which the Director of Public Works shall find to be infected, hazardous or a nuisance so as to endanger the public or other trees, plants or shrubs growing within the Village, or to be injurious to sewers, sidewalks or other public improvements, whether growing upon public or private premises, shall be removed, trimmed or treated by the owner of the property upon or adjacent to which such tree or part thereof is located. The Director of Public Works shall give written notice to said owner to remedy the situation which shall be served personally or posted upon the affected tree. Such notice shall specifically state the period of time within which the action must be taken, which shall be within not less than 24 hours nor more than 14 days as determined by the Director of Public Works on the basis of the seriousness of the condition of the tree or danger to the public. If the owner shall fail to remove, treat or trim said tree within the time limited, the Director of Public Works shall cause the tree to be removed, treated or trimmed and shall report the full cost thereof to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, who shall thereupon enter such cost as a special charge against the property.

#### **§ 256-3. Cottonwood and Box Elder trees prohibited.<sup>1</sup>**

No person shall plant or maintain within the Village of Dickeyville any female tree of the species *Populus deltoides*, commonly called the Cottonwood, or any tree commonly called the seed-bearing Box Elder or *Acer negundo*, which may now or hereafter become infested with Box Elder bugs, and such trees are hereby declared a nuisance. Any person having any such trees on his premises shall cause the same to be removed. If any owner shall fail to remove any such tree within 30 days after receiving written notice from the

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<sup>1</sup>. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

Director of Public Works, the Director shall cause the removal of such tree and report the full cost thereof to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, who shall place such charge upon the next tax roll as a special charge against the property.

**§ 256-4. Planting of trees restricted.** [Amended 10-14-1987]

No person shall hereafter plant any tree in or upon any public street, parkway, boulevard or other public place within the Village of Dickeyville unless he shall first secure written permission from the Director of Public Works, who shall not approve any such planting if in his opinion said tree will constitute a nuisance to the public or adjoining property owners or interfere with the safety of the public or the operation of any sewer or water system. The Director of Public Works shall cause the removal of any tree planted in violation of this section.

**§ 256-5. Violations and penalties.**

The penalty for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a penalty as provided in Chapter 1, § 1-4 of this Code.