

Proposed Local Law Number 2021-F

A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Scotia, New York relating to Trees.

Be it enacted as by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scotia as follows:

Section 1. Village Code Chapter 210, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, General Use, Section 210-18, Trees, Paragraphs B, E and F are amended to read as follows and Paragraph G is added:

B.

No person shall plant or set out any tree or shrub within the right-of-way limits of any street without first having obtained a written permit therefor from the Superintendent of Public Works showing the specific location and spacing and designating the size and species of tree to be planted.

E.

Removal of trees. Any dead or diseased trees on private property shall be removed by the owner of the property when such tree constitutes a hazard or danger to public streets or public places. Such hazard shall be determined by the Superintendent of Public Works or the Building Inspector.

F.

If after due notice, the owner of any tree referred in Subsection [D](#) or [E](#) above shall fail to keep such tree trimmed or removed as required, the Superintendent of Public Works or the Building Inspector shall cause said tree to be thus trimmed or removed, and the cost thereof, plus an administrative fee equal to the greater of 15% of the cost of such work or \$300, shall be assessed by the Board of Trustees against the property on which such tree stands or stood, which shall constitute a lien and charge on such property.

Section 2. Village Code Chapter 210, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, General Use, Section 210-22.1, Enforcement is amended to read as follows:

210-22.1. [Enforcement.](#)

In addition to the Police Department, the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to enforce this article. The Building Inspector is authorized to enforce Section 210-18, paragraphs D and E of this article.

Section 3. This local law shall become effective immediately.