

**CHAPTER 25**

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**§25-101. Trees not to Obstruct Street Lights; Minimum Clearance of Branches.**

From and after the passage of this Part, no trees located on the sidewalks of the streets, roads and alleys of the Borough of Ambler shall be allowed to unnecessarily obstruct the light of any of the street lamps of the Borough and all trees so located shall be trimmed close to the trunks up at least 10 feet from the ground or sidewalk, unless on account of the smallness of the tree or trees the Street Commissioner of the said Borough may otherwise order.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929, §1)

**§25-102. Trimming of Branches to Minimum Height of More than 10 Feet.**

The Borough Superintendent, at his discretion, may cause mature trees on sidewalks to be trimmed so that no part of any of the branches thereof shall be less than a height designated by him exceeding 10 feet above the sidewalk, such trees being those of great height which can advantageously be trimmed in such a manner.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929, §2; as amended by Ord. 397, 3/11/1957, §1)

**§25-103. Trimming of Trees to Occupy No More than 1/3 Width of Street and the Removal of Dead Branches and Trees.**

The owners of all trees on the sidewalks and along the streets and alleys in the Borough shall trim such trees in such a manner that the branches thereof shall not project beyond, extend into or occupy, at any height whatever, more than 1/3 of the width of any street or alley, from the curb line to curb line or less on account of the size or location of any tree an exception is made by the Borough Superintendent. Further, all dead limbs and trees shall be removed forthwith without the necessity of any order.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929, §3; as amended by Ord. 397, 3/11/1957, §2; and by Ord. 870, 8/19/1991, §1)

**§25-104. Notice to Trim Trees; Authority for Borough to do Work and Collect Costs and Additional Charge.**

It shall be the duty of the Borough Superintendent to give notice to all owners, on or upon the sidewalk abutting whose property any tree or trees may stand which are not in conformity with all the requirements of the first, second and third Sections of this Part, to have the same properly trimmed. Such notice shall be served upon the owner or own-

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ers by any one of the Policemen of the Borough. If any party so notified shall neglect or refuse to conform to the requirements of such notice, the Borough shall cause such tree or trees to be trimmed agreeably to the provisions of this Part at the cost of such owner or owners, with 10% added, to be collected according to law.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929, §4; as amended by Ord. 397, 3/11/1957, §3)

### **§25-105. Permit Required to Plant Tree Between Curb and Sidewalk.**

No person, firm or corporation shall plant any tree between the curb and sidewalk on any street in the Borough of Ambler, without first filing an application and procuring a permit from the Borough Superintendent.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929; as added by Ord. 376, 10/11/1955, §1)

### **§25-105. Trees not to Interfere with Utility Lines.**

No trees shall be planted between the curb and sidewalk on any streets in the Borough of Ambler, where said planting will interfere with the operation or maintenance of a utility line located thereunder.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929; as added by Ord. 376, 10/11/1955, §2)

### **§25-106. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 215, 7/1/1929, as added by Ord. 376, 10/11/1955, §3; as amended by Ord. 408, 3/11/1957, §1; by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by A.O.