

Village of Trumansburg, NY

Local Law 1 of 2010

Sidewalk and Street Tree Maintenance

The Village Board of Trustees has designated the Main Street corridor from the southwest corner of Hector Street to the southeast Village/Town of Ulysses border line near the Fairgrounds as the Sidewalk district.

Within the Sidewalk Corridor, sidewalks and the area between the sidewalk and the curb shall be maintained by the Village. In winter, the Village shall clear the sidewalks of snow after new snowfalls of two inches or more. It shall be the adjoining property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear of debris and litter and, in winter, to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice when a new snowfall is less than two inches.

Outside the Sidewalk Corridor, all other sidewalks in the Village and the area between the sidewalk and the curb shall be maintained and kept clear of debris and litter by the adjoining property owner. It shall be the property owner's responsibility to repair, maintain and keep free any sidewalks adjoining their property of all ice, snow and other nuisances and/or obstructions. Sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall.

Sidewalks outside the street right of way or easement area, typically located within the interior of properties, usually along buildings, or connecting buildings with each other or with other site features are to be privately owned and maintained in such a way as to not pose a safety hazard.

Both within the Sidewalk Corridor and on all other sidewalks within the Village, in case snow or ice on any sidewalk becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be readily removed, the adjoining property owner shall be responsible for applying sand, ash, sawdust or some other biologically safe gritty type material to the sidewalk to create safe passage for pedestrians. As soon as practical thereafter the sidewalk shall be cleared of snow, ice and the material that was strewn thereon by said adjoining property owner.

Within the Sidewalk Corridor the Village shall maintain those trees in the area between the sidewalk and the curb, and adjoining property owners shall not plant new trees without first consulting with the Village.

Street trees are those trees located within the street right of way or easement area. All property owners are responsible for the street trees on their property except as previously noted.

Every owner of any tree on private property overhanging any street, sidewalk or right of way within the Village shall prune the branches so that they do not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of seven feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk. Property owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The Village shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light from a street light or interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or obstructs the view of any street intersection.

The Village shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the Village when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property. The Department of Public Works, thru the Village Clerk, will notify the owners of such trees in writing. Removal of these trees shall be done by said owner within 60 days of such notification. In the event of the owner's failure to comply, the Village shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.