

ORDINANCE NO. 28

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF  
TREES, GRASS, SHRUBS AND WEEDS

The Village Council of Freeborn does ordain:

Section 1. Every property owner and occupant of property shall keep the trees and shrubs in or adjacent to the street and sidewalk abutting on property owned or occupied by him, whether such trees or shrubs be on such property or on public property, trimmed and in a healthy condition, and in a condition which does not endanger any person using the street or sidewalk or does not endanger property or interfere with the use of streets, alleys and sidewalks by the general public.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of every owner and occupant of property to keep the grass and weeds on said property cut to a height of not more than 3 to 4 inches.

Section 3. No person shall plant any tree upon public property or boulevards without first obtaining a permit from the Village Council.

Section 4. If the Council shall determine that there has been a violation of this ordinance, it shall, by resolution, order the owner or occupant of such lot or parcel to trim, cut or remove, as may be necessary, such trees, shrubs, weeds or grass, describing with reasonable clarity the nature of the violation and shall direct the clerk to mail a copy of such resolution to the owner or occupant at his last known place of address, or serve a copy upon the owner or occupant personally, or post a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the premises. If the owner or occupant shall neglect, refuse or fail to comply with the order within ten days after the date of such mailing, personal service or posting, the Council may cause such necessary work to be done, and the entire cost and expense thereof assessed against the parcels wherein the work was done, the assessment entered upon the tax lists, and collected in the same manner as other assessments, or the Council may also collect such costs and expense by civil action.