

	Council Policy		
	Classification Public Works		Policy No. PW 2.16
	Policy Title Tree Pruning		
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Purpose

To establish a Tree Pruning Program in residential Hamlets and Multi-lot Subdivisions within the County of Stettler.

Statement

Tree pruning to remove overhanging branches and shrubbery is essential to providing a safe environment for residents and non-residents alike in the County of Stettler

Procedure

Trees or branches overhanging on County property are to be trimmed or cut back by the property owner. Failure by the property owner to cut or trim back trees and branches will result in the county completing the work and charging costs to the property taxes.

1. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer in conjunction with the Public Works Supervisor will determine nuisance trees, branches or shrubs overhanging into county lanes, county streets, roadways or sidewalks or interfering with driver vision.
2. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owners by letter of the nuisance, indicating that trees must be trimmed within fifteen (15) days. The letter will indicate the name of the local contractor who can provide tree trimming services.
3. Property owners shall be given the opportunity to dispute the tree trimming order.
4. Trees, shrubs and branches must be trimmed back sufficiently to enhance clear driver vision, to allow unobstructed pedestrian traffic and to allow the passage of vehicles including County vehicles (sanding/plow truck, graders, loaders etc.) to pass through the lane or street.
5. Failure by the property owner to complete the work will result in the county completing the work and charging costs to the property taxes.

6. Maple and Birch tree species should be pruned while still in leaf. Elm trees shall only be pruned prior to April 1st or after September 30th.

Policy Authorization

Reeve Signature	Effective Date	Resolution Number
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