

ORDINANCE NO. 719

An Ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Amending the 2-01-12 Revised Ordinances for the City of Groton as it Pertains to Tree Trimming as found in 9-4-1."

Be it ordained by the City of Groton that the following ordinance be amended in Section 9-4-1 to read as follows:

**9-4-1 Trimming Trees.** "The occupant of any private premises or the owner of the same if not occupied, abutting on any public street, road or alley within the City of Groton shall keep all trees standing upon such premises trimmed so that no bough or branches thereof shall be lower than fourteen (14) feet above the surface of the street, road or sidewalk thereon and away from service lines. Upon the failure of the occupant or owner to trim trees accordingly, the city council shall have authority to order that the tree be removed or trimmed under its supervision so that no branch hangs lower than fourteen feet above the surface of any street, road, alley, or sidewalk or near any service line, whether such tree is growing in privately owned property or upon public property, and may cause the same to be trimmed and charge the expense to the owner or occupant of such property. If the occupant or owner of such property has a tree on private property that is near any electric service lines or equipment that serve that property that could cause damage to such service lines and equipment, then the occupant or owner shall notify the city electrical department and make arrangements for the city to trim such trees at no expense to the owner. The city reserves the right to refuse this service pursuant to its discretion as to whether a tree may cause damage to the electric lines or equipment. It is the duty of the occupant or owner that has trees that could cause damage to electrical lines or equipment serving his property to notify the city electrical department of that fact. If the property owner or occupant does not give such notice or refuses to comply with city's notice to the same effect, then the occupant or owner assumes the total liability to any damage done to electric lines or equipment serving his property by trees on his property. The city shall not be liable for failure to give notice to the property owner as referenced above for any damage to the electric service lines or equipment or interruption of power as set out in 8-1-11.

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Scott Hanlon  
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