

Chapter 29 VEGETATION¹

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29-1 Planting certain **trees prohibited.**

No person shall plant or cause to be planted or assist in planting in any of the city parks or streets any variety of poplar, cottonwood or willow **tree**.

(Rev. Ords. 1962, § 3916)

29-2 Park commissioners to approve location and manner of planting.

No **tree** in a street, public park or other city property shall be planted except with the approval, and in accordance with the rules, of the board of park commissioners, who shall have the power to prescribe how such **trees** shall be planted, at what distance apart and of what variety. A **tree** shall be provided with supports and guards whenever, in the opinion of the board of park commissioners or its agents, such supports or guards may be desirable.

(Rev. Ords. 1962, § 3851)

State law reference—Authority to appropriate sum of money to plant **trees**, [24 V.S.A., § 2507](#).

29-3 Cutting, pruning or removing **trees prohibited; exception.**

No person shall cut, prune or remove a **tree** or shrub in a street, public park or other city property, except with the approval and consent of the board of park commissioners or of the duly appointed **tree** warden or city forester.

(Rev. Ords. 1962, § 3852)

Charter reference—Power of city council to remove or trim **trees** when necessary, § [48\(XXXI\)](#).

Cross reference—Authority to remove **trees**, shrubs or plants from cemetery, § [9-75](#).

State law reference—Cutting shade **trees**, [24](#) V.S.A. § [2508](#) et seq.

29-4 Removing plants, vines, etc., prohibited.

No person shall take or carry away a plant, flower, vine, vase, pot or other vessel used for flowers or plants in a street, public park or other city property.

(Rev. Ords. 1962, § 3855)

29-5 Hitching horses or other animals to **trees or shrubs prohibited.**

No person shall hitch a horse or other animal to a **tree**, shrub or fence in a street, public park or other city property, nor leave a horse or other animal untied or tied within reach of such **tree**, shrub or fence, nor permit a horse or other animal to injure or deface such **tree**, shrub or fence.

(Rev. Ords. 1962, § 3853)

29-6 Attaching board, notice, wire, stay or support to **tree prohibited.**

No person shall attach a board, card, notice, advertisement, wire, stay or support to a **tree** in a street, public park or other city property without the written consent of the board of park commissioners.

(Rev. Ords. 1962, § 3854)

Charter reference—Power of city council to prohibit and punish willful injury to **trees**, § [48](#)(XXXII).

29-7 Penalty.

A violation of any provision of any provision of this chapter shall be a civil offense punishable by a civil penalty of from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The waiver penalty for purposes of the municipal complaint (civil ticket) shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense. The superintendent of parks, waterfront manager, city arborist and all law enforcement officers are authorized to issue a municipal complaint for a violation of this chapter.

(Ord. of 1-9-95)

Editor's note—An ordinance of Jan. 9, 1995, added provisions designated as § 29-6. Since there already existed provisions with that number, the editor has redesignated these new provisions as § 29-7

Cross reference—Cemeteries, Ch. 9; parks, Ch. 22.

State law reference—Authority of municipality to provide for location, protection and maintenance of **trees**, plants and shrubs, [24](#) V.S.A. § [2291](#)(3); shade **trees** generally, [24](#) V.S.A. § [2502](#) et seq.