

ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

An ordinance amending subsection c of Section 82-61, City Forester, and subsections 7 and 13 of Section 82-63, Trees in lawn parks and public right-of-way, Article III, Forestry, Chapter 83, Vegetation, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code; as it relates to the update of responsibilities of the City Forester

Committee	Board of Park Commissioners recommended approval on June 20, 2023		
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The Common Council of the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 82-61. City Forester

(c) Plan. The ~~e~~City ~~f~~Forester, under the direction of the ~~D~~irector of ~~p~~ublic ~~w~~orks ~~and utilities~~, shall prepare a forestry plan which shall include one or more of the following programs: A city lawn park beautification program to provide for tree plantings, ~~and~~ replacement in lawn parks, and public right-of-ways. The program shall provide for the cost of tree planting, ~~to be borne jointly by the abutting property owner and the city, as determined by the board. After review by the Tree Board, the Park Board shall make a recommendation of the plan to the City Council. This plan shall be reviewed and updated as necessary.~~

Section 82-63. Trees in lawn parks and public right-of-way.

(7) Tree removal. ~~The park board or director of public works and utilities, on approval from the board, shall approve all~~ The City Forester shall submit to the Director of Public Works and the Tree Board, a list of non-emergency trees removals to be removed along with a brief description of the location, species, and need/cause for removal. This list shall be compiled when necessary. Trees which are cut down shall be removed with the root stump grubbed or ground out to a depth at least nine inches below grade. Surface roots beyond the main stump are to be removed to a depth at least five inches below grade. All wood and debris shall be removed from the site and no wood or debris shall be permitted to remain on the street or sidewalk when work on any day is concluded. Holes must be safeguarded by a barricade if not immediately filled. The city will fill holes as soon as ~~practicable~~ practical, which shall be topped with a minimum of two inches of topsoil and seeded with organic fill and dressed with top soil and grass seeded. The site shall be barricaded to protect the public at any time work is in progress. A permit may be issued to an abutting property owner to remove a lawn park/terrace tree, upon approval by the City Forester and the Tree Board, or the Director of Public Works in concurrence with the Park Board. The reason shall be included in the permit application. The permit shall be conditioned upon proof of liability insurance covering death, personal injury, and property loss or damage in the amount of \$250,000. Trees shall be removed without damage to the neighboring trees, asphalt, or curb and gutter. Property owners who removed terrace trees without a permit may be subject to fines including replacement costs. Private removals shall abide by the same rules listed in article (7). A permit may be issued by the board or the director, with concurrence of the board chairman, to an abutting property owner to remove a lawn park tree having a diameter in excess of six inches measured 54 inches from grade, shall also be conditioned upon proof of liability insurance covering death and

