

**TOWNSHIP OF KISKIMINETAS**  
**CODE OF ORDINANCES - CHAPTER 25: TREES**  
**NO.: 03 of 2012**

**PART 1:**

**REGULATION OF PLANTING AND MAINTAINING TREES AND SHRUBBERY  
ALONG PUBLIC WAYS**

**§25 - 101. Definitions**

The word "person," as used in this Chapter, shall mean and include any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation.

**§25-102. Restrictions on Planting and Growing Certain Trees**

It shall be unlawful for any person to plant, maintain, or allow to grow any tree or shrubbery within the lines of any street, alley or sidewalk in the Township, or within ten (10) feet of any public water or sewer line.

**§25-103. Clearance Above Street and Sidewalk**

Every owner of property in the Borough shall be required to keep limbs and branches of all trees growing upon such property or along the street, sidewalk, curb or alley abutting upon such property trimmed so that no part of such limbs or branches or of the foliage growing thereupon shall have a clearance of less than eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk, or of less than 14 feet above the surface of the roadway of any street or alley, or of less than four feet of the approach of any traffic regulatory sign or device.

**§25-104. Removal and Trimming of Trees**

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Township to conform to the requirements of this Part as to trees upon property owned by them, or along streets, alleys and sidewalks abutting upon such property, and, upon notice from the Township, to remove any tree or trees growing in violation of §25-102 of this Part, to trim or cut the branches or limbs of trees as required in §25-103 hereof, and to remove any tree found to be dead or otherwise deemed a hazard. Owners of properties that cut trees down shall also be required to remove the stump and roots by both totally excavating and removing the stump and roots, or by grinding the stump and roots to a minimum depth of 8 inches below the curb height. Any person failing to comply with any such notice, within the time limit stated therein, shall be guilty of a violation of this Part and, following the expiration of such time limit, the Township Road Department shall have the authority to cause the work required by such notice to be done by the Township or under contract

therewith, and to collect the cost of such work, with an additional amount of 10% from any such property owner in default.

**§25-105. Penalties**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not more than \$600, and in default of payment, to undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.


(a) Prior to the filing of any criminal complaint for a violation of this Chapter, the Board of Supervisors, or its delegate, shall provide no less than 30 days notify to the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, to remove the trees or shrubbery or to trim the trees or shrubbery that interferes with the health, safety or welfare of the public, or right of the public to the unobstructed use of public roads or property.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF October, 2012.**

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Examined and approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_  
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