

Borough of Turbotville

ORDINANCE No. 06-2-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TURBOTVILLE, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REGULATING GROWTH OF TREES, BUSHES, SHRUBS AND OTHER VEGETATION ALONG STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND ALLEYS SITUATE IN THE BOROUGH OF TURBOTVILLE; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Turbotville, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, finds that overgrowth of trees, bushes, shrubs and other vegetation along streets and alley ways is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of persons within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interests of persons within the Borough to regulate that activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council as follows:

Section 1. Property Owners to Keep Trees, Bushes, Shrubs and Other Vegetation Trimmed to Required Clearance Above and Along Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

A. It shall be the duty of every owner of property fronting upon or alongside any street or alley in the Borough to trim and keep trimmed all trees planted or growing upon that property or upon the sidewalk area adjacent to that property so that no part of the tree, or of its branches or foliage shall be lower than 15 feet above the surface of the roadway of the street or 9 feet above surface of the sidewalk.

B. It shall be the duty of every owner of property fronting upon or alongside any street or alley in the Borough to trim and keep trimmed all trees, bushes, shrubs and other vegetation planted or growing upon that property or upon the sidewalk area adjacent to that property so that no part of the trees, bushes, shrubs and other vegetation, or of their branches or foliage shall impede, obstruct or otherwise interfere with vehicular and or pedestrian traffic.

Section 2. Restricting New Planting of Trees

A. Planting of new trees and bushes shall be at a distance of no less than 15 feet from the berm of roadways within the borough.

Section 3. Enforcement and Violation Penalty

A. Any and all Borough Enforcement Officers are hereby granted the authority and are hereby charged with the responsibility of issuing warnings, fines and citations, as merited, for all violations of this Ordinance.

B. Any person, corporation or other entity who violates the provision of this Ordinance shall pay a fine of \$100 issued by the Borough Enforcement Officer, and in default therewith, shall be subject to a citation with the District Magistrate's office and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 plus cost.

ENACTED and ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 24th day of June, 2019.

ATTEST:

Deanne K. Miller
Borough Secretary

Francis O. Bell
President of Council

APPROVED the 24th day of June, 2019

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Mayor