

Excerpt from Ordinance 95-333

TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Maintenance and Protection of Trees - Trees located in the public right-of-way, including parking strips between streets and sidewalks, shall be maintained by the immediately abutting property owner and shall not be cut down, removed, topped, or transplanted without first obtaining the approval of the City of Keizer Public Works Department.

Removal of Tree - Removal of trees located near or within the public right-of-way is the responsibility of the owner and is required in the following circumstances:

1. When there is damage occurring to the surrounding lawn, street, sidewalk, and/or curb.
2. When a tree is damaged or sick or creating imminent danger to persons or property.
3. When a tree is infected by or harbors any injurious fungus, insect or disease which constitutes a potential threat to other trees within the city.
4. When a tree by reason of its nature is or may become injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or public improvements of any type.

Interference with Street Lighting and Traffic Devices - Every owner of any tree located in or overhanging any street or public right-of-way within the City of Keizer shall prune all branches so that such branches shall not:

1. Obstruct the view of any public or private intersection
2. Obstruct the view of any traffic control device or sign.
3. Severely obstruct the light from any streetlight.
4. Protrude into the area thirteen (13) feet above the street surface or eight (8) feet above the sidewalk surface.

