

## **Village of Elmwood Park**

### **Tree Surety Policy**

In support of the Village of Elmwood Park's Value "A Park-like Atmosphere", the Village of Elmwood Park hereby establishes a Village Tree Surety. The Tree Surety is specified as such:

- A separate bank account designated solely for accepting donations from the Village and any other donors wishing to donate to the fund
- These funds shall be used solely for the purpose of reimbursing Village residents for the partial cost of purchasing a tree to be planted within the Village
- The funds shall be reimbursed to residents who fill out the "Tree Reimbursement Form" and meet the proper guidelines established in that form
- Residents shall be reimbursed at \$50 per tree, and no more than one (1) tree per year per residence

Residents who wish to participate in this program shall complete the "Tree Reimbursement Form" and submit it to the Village, and have said tree, once planted, inspected by the Village Weed Commissioner to assure proper adherence to established guidelines. The following guidelines and resources will be provided:

- Residents provide name, address, and contact information
- All trees are required to at least be an inch-and-a-half in diameter
- Resident will be given a copy of the Village Tree Ordinance, a list of trees not allowed within the Village, a number for the Diggers Hotline, and a list of arborists to contact if questions abound

This Tree Surety shall begin effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and shall reset for reimbursement every subsequent calendar year.



**TREE REIMBURSEMENT FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Species of Tree to Be Planted: \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum Circumference to Be 1.5 inches)

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**ANY SPECIES OF THE FOLLOWING TREES ARE **PROHIBITED** IN THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK!**

- Box Elder, Catalpa, Cottonwood, Elm, Lombardy Poplar, Willow

**Village Residents are asked to call Diggers Hotline before planting: (800) 242-8511**

**Contact: <https://www.arborday.org/members/> to Become an Annual Arbor Day member and receive up to 10 free trees!**

**The following Racine County Licensed Arborists can be contacted with any questions, concerns, or assistance:**

- Affordable Tree Care LLC #(262) 681-3021
- American Tree Experts, Inc. #(262) 542-0404
- Buckley "The Tree Care Specialists" #(262) 547-4732
  - Cassity Tree Service, Inc. #(262) 886-5224
- Glen R. Stanosz Plant Health Consultant, LLC #(608) 516-1641
  - Hoppe Tree Service #(414) 257-2111
  - Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc #(715) 453-3274
  - The Davey Tree Expert Company #(262) 521-1860
- Wachtel Tree Science and Service, Inc. #(262) 538-1900

**The Aforementioned List was Compiled by the WI Arborist Association. They can be reached at: <http://www.waa-isa.org/contact-us/>**

## Village of Elmwood Park Tree Ordinance:

### 6.07 TREE TRIMMING AND SANITATION.

(1) Trees to be Kept Trimmed. Trees standing in and upon any public street or place, or upon any lot or land adjacent thereto shall be pruned and trimmed by the owner or owners or occupants of the property on or in front of which such trees are growing so that the lowest branches projecting over the public street or alley or road will provide a clearance of not less than fourteen (14) feet and a clearance of not less than ten (10) feet over any other public place and so that no dead, broken or otherwise hazardous branches shall be likely to fall and do injury to the public. Any tree not trimmed as herein provided shall be deemed hazardous.

(2) Hazardous and Infected Trees. Any tree or part thereof, whether alive or dead, which the Weed Commissioner shall find to be infected, hazardous or a nuisance so as to endanger the public or other trees, plants or shrubs growing within the Village, or to be injurious to sewers, sidewalks or other public improvements whether growing upon public or private premises, shall be removed, trimmed or treated by the owner of the property upon or adjacent to which such tree or part thereof is located. The Weed Commissioner shall give written notice to said owner to remedy the situation which shall be served personally or posted upon the affected tree. Such notice shall specifically state the period of time within which the action must be taken which shall be within not less than twenty-four (24) hours or more than fourteen (14) days as determined by the Weed Commissioner on the basis of the seriousness of the condition of the tree or danger to the public. If the owner shall fail to remove, treat or trim said tree within the time limited, the Weed Commissioner shall cause the tree to be removed, treated or trimmed and shall report the full cost thereof to the Village Clerk, who shall thereupon enter such cost as a special charge against the property.

(3) Cottonwood and Box Elder Trees Prohibited. No person shall plant or maintain within the Village of Elmwood Park any female tree of the species *Populus Deltoides*, commonly called the "Cottonwood", or any tree commonly called the seed-bearing Box Elder or *Acer Negundo*, which may now or hereafter become infested with Box Elder bugs, and such trees are hereby declared a nuisance. Any person having such trees on his premises shall cause the same to be removed.

If any owner shall fail to remove any such tree within thirty days after receiving a written notice from the Weed Commissioner, the Commissioner shall cause the removal of such tree and report the full cost thereof to the Village Clerk who shall place such charge upon the next tax roll as a special charge against the premises.

(4) Planting of Certain Trees Restricted. No person shall hereafter plant any species of Elm, Catalpa, White Poplar, Lombardy Poplar or Willow Tree.

(5) Cut Tree/Stump Removal. Any person cutting down a tree for any reason shall be required to remove the tree, and its stump, to below the ground level.