

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-11-123

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-20 AND ADDING SECTION 25-26 TO THE URBANA CITY CODE RELATING TO TREES, PLANTS AND SHRUBS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE URBANA CITY COUNCIL as follows:

Section 1. That Section 25-20, "Public Utility Companies" of the Urbana City Code relating to Trees, Plants and Shrubs is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 25-20 Public Utility Companies"

1. *Public Utility Company* as used herein shall mean any utility company with which the City of Urbana has an existing franchise agreement or other such company that has permission from the City of Urbana to use City right-of-way for transmission or conveyance of its services or products.
2. Nothing in Sections 25-18 or 25-19 shall be construed to exempt a public utility company or their agents from any of the requirements of this article.
3. In conducting its non-emergency vegetation management activities (tree pruning) anywhere within the corporate boundaries of the City of Urbana, all utility companies shall follow the guidelines set forth by the International Society of Arboriculture, in their publication entitled Tree Pruning Guidelines 1995; the American National Standards Institute [ANSI] A300-1995 for tree care operations—Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Maintenance – Standards Practices; ANSI Z133-1994 for tree care operations—Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees and Cutting Brush – Safety Requirements or duly adopted ANSI standards which supersede those adopted herein and any applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration [OSHA] standards.
4. Prior to doing any non-emergency tree pruning, the utility company shall notify the City Arborist no less than twenty-one (21) days and adjacent property owners no less than seven (7) days before it plans to perform such work. When necessary, as determined by the City Arborist, representatives of the utility company will be required to meet with the City Arborist to evaluate the impact of pruning on specific trees and to evaluate tree removals requested by the utility company. Joint agreement is required prior to all tree removals on public property; on private property, if the property owner does not consent to the removal of a tree; the City Arborist shall be consulted regarding the necessity of removal before such tree is removed. Criteria to be considered in tree removals include potential hazards, tree health and species, damage from past maintenance and tree locations."

Section 2. That Section 25-26, "Disease Control" is hereby added to the Urbana City Code relating to Trees, Plants and Shrubs and shall state as follows:

"Sec. 25-26. Disease Control.

Individual trees of any species having infectious insects or diseases that have, within the city limits, epidemic potential, as determined by the City Arborist, shall not be pruned without approval and without following methods required by the City Arborist."

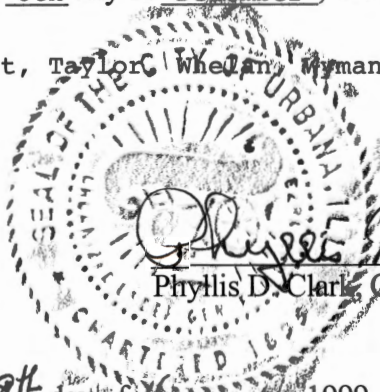
This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of December, 1999.

AYES: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Wheeler, Wyman

NAYS:

PRESENT:



Phyllis D. Clark  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of December, 1999.

James H. Hayes, Jr.

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James H. Hayes, Jr., Mayor Pro-tem