

## **300.5 Tree and Brush Cutting Policy**

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### **SECTION I – PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 86.03, the cutting and trimming of trees and brush in a sufficient manner to allow for sunlight onto the road; for mowing and snow plowing within the right of way; and for passage of large vehicles such as buses and large farm machinery.

### **SECTION II – GUIDELINES**

- A. All trees and brush will be cut 33 feet from the center of the Town road, Town right-of-way, unless it is agreed upon differently in writing between the Town and the property owner.
- B. No trees or brush shall be cut off the Town right-of-way prior to approval by the Highway Superintendent, Town Chairperson, or Town Board.
- C. Property owners adjoining the Town right-of-way where cutting is to occur, other than mowing with a tractor mounted mower, shall be notified in writing 30 days prior to the commencement of cutting.
- D. Tree branches that extend into the right-of-way from private land that may do damage to vehicle lights or other equipment, may be cut without permission from the landowner.
- E. To prevent re-growth of trees in the right-of-way stumps will be sprayed or removed at the time of trimming or during road construction.
- F. Brush or cut wood will be chipped into the right-of-way or onto the property owners land. If brush or cut wood cannot be chipped it is to be piled and burned or hauled to a place directed by the Highway Superintendent or Road Patrolman. No burning of brush or wood will be allowed where the property owner mows grass along the road right-of-way.
- G. The Town recognizes that any timber at least four inches in diameter felled in right-of-way cutting remains the property of the adjacent property owner.
- H. Any timber not removed from the right-of-way within two weeks will be deemed abandoned by the adjacent property owner and shall be treated as illegally placed in the right-of-way.

### **SECTION III – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Policy shall take effect and be in force from and after the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019

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