

City of Novi Ordinances

Division 12. Obstructions in public ways.

- **Sec. 21-210. - Duty to keep free of obstruction by trees, bushes, and plants.**

[SHARE LINK TO SECTION](#)[PRINT SECTION](#)[DOWNLOAD \(DOCX\) OF SECTION](#)[EMAIL SECTION](#)[COMPARE VERSIONS](#)

No person owning, leasing, occupying, or having charge or control of any parcel, lot, premises, or land within the city on which any tree, bush, shrub, vine, or plant is located shall allow the limbs, branches, twigs, or leaves of such tree, shrub, vine, or plant to overhang, protrude, or extend into any portion of any street, sidewalk, or pathway in a manner that obstructs or interferes with, or is likely to obstruct or interfere with, the use of such public ways. Such persons have an affirmative duty to **trim or prune**, or to cause to be trimmed or pruned, all limbs, branches, twigs, or leaves of such tree, shrub, vine, or plant **either at the property line** adjacent to the public way **or to a clear height of at least eight (8) feet** above the surface of such public way. Such persons shall not plant or maintain any thereof so close to any property line as to obstruct thereby the vision of travelers along the streets.

A violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the city. Following ten (10) days' written notice to the owner of record by first class mail to the address on the tax records of the city and to the address of the property (if different), ***the city may*** enter upon such parcel, lot, premises, or land to ***conduct such trimming, pruning,*** or other work as it determines to be necessary, or to remove such obstructions herein prohibited upon the failure of the owner and/or occupant to do so. The ***costs of such work shall be charged to the owner of the parcel,*** lot, premises, or land by sending an invoice for services in the same manner as the notice described herein. ***If the owner fails to pay*** the amount due within thirty (30) days of the date such bill is sent by the city, ***the amount shall be considered delinquent and the city may collect such amount,*** plus a reasonable administrative fee, in any manner authorized by law, including placement of the amount (and the administrative fee) on the tax rolls and collecting such amount in the same manner as delinquent taxes.

([Ord. No. 14-182, Pt. I, 10-6-14](#))

Note 1: Vegetation must be cleared out of the ROW, which is one (1) foot outside of the paved path (as well as eight (8) feet in height as stated above).

Note: Bold and script emphasis added by Editor.