

CHAPTER 124

LICENSING OF TREE TRIMMERS

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124.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to assure that those persons engaged in the conduct of the business of trimming or removal of trees do so in such manner as not to endanger the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

124.02 LICENSE REQUIRED. Except as otherwise provided herein, a person shall not trim, cut, or remove any tree limbs or trees from any property within the City of Charles City without first obtaining a license from the City.

1. Exceptions. This chapter shall not apply to City employees performing tree trimming, tree removal, and cutting of trees in the course of their City employment or to private property owners trimming, removing, or cutting trees on their own property or on the publicly owned property or right-of-way abutting the owners' private property. *(Ord. 1133 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

2. License. An annual license shall be obtained from the City Clerk on or before April 1st which will then be effective for a period of one year, terminating on the following April 1st. Each applicant must pay a fee of \$25 and show proof of financial responsibility. Any license issued after April 1st, due to late application or first time application, shall nonetheless expire on the following April 1st. Renewal of a license will require a payment of \$25 and proof of financial responsibility.

124.03 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. The City shall require, as a condition for the issuance of any license, that the applicant first file proof of financial responsibility in the form of a bond or a liability insurance policy showing coverage for injuries to persons and property during the licensing period in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.

124.04 WORKMANSHIP. All tree trimming, tree removal and cutting of trees shall be done in a careful and workmanlike manner with due regard for the welfare of pedestrians and bystanders and the property of residents on which the trees are located. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by tree trimming, tree removal, and cutting of trees on or overhanging the publicly owned street and right-of-way abutting the owners' private property. *(Ord. 1133 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

124.05 REVOCATION OF LICENSE. The City may revoke any license issued pursuant to this Chapter whenever the licensee violates a provision of this Chapter. The City may also pursue any criminal or civil actions against the violating licensee as authorized by this Code of Ordinances.

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