



CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE OF TREES CODES

§ 133.02 - Applicability and Maintenance of Trees for all Properties within the City

(A) The terms and provisions of this section shall apply to real property within the limits of the City.

(B) Owners of private property are responsible for the maintenance of trees on private property and in abutting rights-of-way unless otherwise provided in [133.00](#) through [133.10](#) of this Code. Where support staking and guying of vegetation is provided at the time of installation, the stakes and guys shall be removed no later than one year after installation to prevent damage to the vegetation. Owners of private property who are responsible for the maintenance of trees on private property and in abutting rights-of-way shall not be required to pay to remove and replant any tree that they can prove by substantial competent evidence was fatally damaged by any public utility company or as is otherwise provided in §§ [133.00](#) through [133.10](#) of this Code.

(c) Trees shall be maintained by the owner, tenant or their agent in good condition so as to present a healthy, neat and orderly appearance. All plant materials shall be maintained free from physical damage or injury arising from lack of water, chemical exposure, insects, disease, blight or other cause. Exceptions regarding damage due to lack of water shall be made when water consumption is limited by emergency orders or declarations by state or local agencies.

§ 7-12. - FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTED

The Florida Fire Prevention Code 6th Edition, as adopted under Section 633.202, F.F. is adopted by reference as if set out at length in its entirety in this Section.

2015 edition of the Fire Code® (NFPA 1):

18.2.3.4.1.2 Fire department access roads shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 ft. 6 in. (4.1 m).

§ 8-52. - PROHIBITIONS

(A) No person shall permit the excessive growth or accumulation of weeds, undergrowth or other similar plant materials, or the accumulation of debris, upon property situated in the city.

(B) The owner of any real property abutting any dedicated right-of-way in the city shall be required to keep the right-of-way in a clean and sanitary condition at all times by keeping the same free from weeds, trash and debris of all kinds and by keeping the grass mowed and lot clean. In mowing the grass in the area designated herein, the property owner shall cut the grass in such a manner that the grass as mowed does not extend over the sidewalk, bicycle path, curb line or edge of pavement of an improved right-of-way by more than four inches. **The owner of any such property shall be required to maintain vegetation so as to ensure a ten-foot vertical clearance over any sidewalk or improved right-of-way.**

(C) Any owner or lessee of developed property who removes or has removed from the property any hedges, tree trimmings, boxes or other household items, shall have the same cut into lengths no longer than four feet and removed at his or her expense. It will be the responsibility of the property owner or lessee to remove said items within ten days.