



I'On Assembly Tree-Trimming Policy for Street Right of Ways

PURPOSE:

To inform the residents of the I'On community of the Assembly's policies regarding the maintenance of trees and branches located within the street right of ways throughout the I'On community.

POLICY:

Scheduled Maintenance by the Assembly

The Assembly maintains, at its expense, trees located within the street Right of Ways as follows:

1. **Canopy Lifts**: Every two (2) years, the Assembly engages Charleston Tree Company, LLC to perform a Canopy Lift on all trees throughout the I'On community that are located in the Right-of-Ways.

- a. "Canopy Lift" is the dedicated removal of canopy branches, or portions thereof, located below thirteen (13) feet over the roadway portion of the Right-of-Way, and below eight (8) feet over the sidewalk portion of the Right-of-Way.
- b. "Right-of-Ways" means the roadway right of way areas for the roadways in the I'On community, including but not limited to streets, roads and alleyways, and also including the areas within such right of ways that extend into and/or through sidewalk areas.

2. **Hazard Pruning**: The Assembly engages Charleston Tree Company, LLC to perform Hazard Pruning on all trees within the Right-of-Ways on a four (4) year area rotation throughout the I'On community.

- a. "Hazard Pruning" means the removal of limbs, foliage, branches or trees that could be hazardous or dangerous to persons or property in or in the vicinity of the Right-of-Way.
- b. Hazard Pruning occurs during a one-week period in either January or February of each calendar year on as many trees as possible during such one-week period. The four-year area rotation begins with the front of the community, working toward the back of the community. Each year, the Hazard Pruning begins where it ended the previous year, with the rotation

resulting in Hazard Pruning in each area of the neighborhood once every four years.

Interim Maintenance by Homeowners

1. Upon written request from a Homeowner, the Assembly shall provide the dates for the next scheduled Canopy Lift or Hazard Pruning near such Homeowner's property.

2. If prior to the next scheduled Canopy Lift or Hazard Pruning a Homeowner desires to have Hazard Pruning performed on trees that (a) are located wholly or partially within the Right of Way and (b) also extend into the boundary lines of the Homeowner's lot ("Interim Hazard Pruning"), such Homeowner shall be permitted to do so, subject however to the following conditions:

- a. Prior to any Interim Hazard Pruning, Homeowner shall seek and obtain any approvals and/or permits required by the Town of Mount Pleasant to conduct the Interim Hazard Pruning, because certain types of tree pruning/cutting are regulated by the Town throughout Mount Pleasant. Permission from the Assembly to conduct Interim Hazard Pruning shall not constitute approval by the Town, or a waiver of any approval and/or permits that may be required from the Town.
- b. Prior to any Interim Hazard Pruning, Homeowner must seek and obtain approval from the Assembly, and shall provide the Assembly written notice of its intent to conduct Interim Hazard Pruning, which must contain: (a) the reasons for the Interim Hazard Pruning, (b) the quantity and location of the limbs, foliage or branches to be pruned, (c) the time period during which the Interim Hazard Pruning will be scheduled to occur, (d) the identity of the Certified Arborist or other tree company the Homeowner proposes to retain to perform the Interim Hazard Pruning, and (e) a statement that the Homeowner has sought and received any approvals and/or permits required by the Town of Mount Pleasant.
- c. Only a Certified Arborist or other tree company reasonably acceptable to the Assembly shall conduct any Interim Hazard Pruning.
- d. All expenses for and related to Interim Hazard Pruning, including but not limited to any expenses related to obtaining any required approval and/or permits from the Town of Mount Pleasant, shall be the sole responsibility and obligation of the Homeowner. The Assembly shall not have any obligation for expenses related to Interim Hazard Pruning.

This is to certify that the Board of Trustees adopted the I'On Assembly Tree Trim Policy by unanimous consent, effective April 20th 2020, until such date as it may be modified, rescinded or revoked.

