

Section 2.12 Removal of Trees, Bushes and Other Obstructions to Vision of Persons Traveling on Public Highways

1. Whenever the Mayor and Council find there exists on any private property within the Town any trees, bushes, vines, weeds, undergrowth, loose earth or other obstructions, except buildings and similar structures affixed to the ground, and if they further find that the same do obstruct the vision of operators of vehicles traveling upon any public street, road or highway so as to constitute a traffic hazard, they shall immediately, upon finding such condition, serve upon the owner, agent, lessee or any other person having supervision over such property a written notice describing the premises whereon such obstruction exists, a statement of the particulars in which the vision of operators of vehicles is obstructed including the steps necessary to correct such conditions, and an order directing that such corrective steps be taken within a stated period of time.
2. Any person who considers himself aggrieved by any order issued pursuant to the authority of this Section may, within ten (10) days of the receipt of such order petition the Mayor and Council in writing for a hearing thereon; within thirty (30) days from the receipt of such a petition the Mayor and Council shall hold such a hearing after which it may either affirm, modify or rescind the order. No official of the Town Government shall remove any obstruction or enforce any order issued hereunder until after such hearing by the Town has been held or until after the time to petition for such hearing has expired without such a petition having been filed.
3. Upon the failure of any person not comply with the provisions of any order issued hereunder within the time specified therein, the Mayor and Council shall direct Town forces to enter upon the property whereon the obstruction is located and remove all or such parts of the obstruction as necessary to eliminate the traffic hazard.
4. All orders and notices issued by the Mayor and Council or any town official pursuant to the authority of this Section shall be served on the person to whom they are directed either by registered mail or by personal delivery to such person. If such person is not known to reside and cannot be found, such service shall be made by publication of such order or notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, and by posting the same on the premises in a conspicuous manner. Service by publication and posting shall be deemed to be made on the day of publication or posting.