

An Ordinance to amend Section 14-705 of the Crossville Municipal Code pertaining to trees and woody vegetation.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** That Title 14, Chapter 5, Section 1 be amended by adding the following:

**HAZARD TREE.** Any tree that is dead or dying, containing dead limbs, or unstable due to structural defects or other factors, that are within striking distance of people or property, and have the potential to cause property damage, personal injury, or fatality in the event of a failure.

**SECTION II.** That Title 14, Chapter 5, Section 5 be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

- (A) This section will apply to both public and private trees. Hazard trees shall be removed in a timely manner. The Tree Board or City Arborist will make the risk determination and, if appropriate, will cause the tree to be removed.
- (B) The Tree Board or City Arborist will, upon finding hazard trees on private property, notify the landowner to remove the hazard tree(s) from the property. Upon receiving the notice, the landowner will have 30 days to provide proof of scheduling for the tree removal, if the hazard tree has not already been removed. Landowners shall have up to 3 months to remove the hazard tree from the property. The City reserves the right to shorten the timeframe for removal in the case of imminent danger, which shall be approved by the City Manager.
- (C) If extenuating circumstances arise, the landowner can discuss them with the Tree Board or City Arborist to determine an adequate time for hazard tree removal.
- (D) If the hazard tree is not removed within the allotted time, there has been no attempt by the landowner to contact either the Tree Board or City Arborist, and the tree presents a danger to a City right-of-way, City structure, or other City property, the City will remove the tree from the property and cause a lien to be placed on the property to cover the cost of the tree removal.

**SECTION III.** This ordinance shall take effect upon and after its final date of passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Clerk

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City Attorney

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

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Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

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Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:

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