

## Chapter 59

### BRUSH, GRASS AND TREES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Seat Pleasant 10-13-2013 by Ord. No. O-14-03.<sup>1</sup> Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Property maintenance — See Ch. 67.

Fire prevention — See Ch. 88.

Health and sanitation — See Ch. 101.

Nuisance properties — See Ch. 114.

Solid waste — See Ch. 129.

#### § 59-1. Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the exterior premises of all real property located within the corporate limits of the City of Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

#### § 59-2. Brush and grass; height limits.

- A. Brush. Brush of any kind (including but not limited to hedges, shrubbery and bushes) bordering upon any public way, street or sidewalk shall be maintained at a height of three feet or less and shall not encroach upon or project over any such public way, street or sidewalk nor interfere with the free passage of persons thereupon.
- B. Grass. Grass and weeds shall be maintained at a height of eight inches or less.

#### § 59-3. Trees.

No tree nor any part thereof (including but not limited to limbs, branches or stumps), whether dead or alive, nor any brushwood or firewood, shall be maintained in a hazardous or dangerous condition tending to constitute a threat to life or property and/or harbor rodents, insects or other vermin.

#### § 59-4. Violations and penalties.

- A. When a violation of this chapter is determined to exist, the City Administrator, or his or her designee, shall provide written notice to the owner and/or occupant of the real property upon which such violation exists and direct the abatement or correction thereof, at the owner's and/or occupant's expense, within a reasonable time as specified in the notice. If such violation is not abated or corrected within the time specified in the notice, then the City shall have the authority to abate or correct the violation, and the cost thereof shall be a lien on the property and may be collected in the same manner as delinquent taxes or by a

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1. Editor's Note: This ordinance also provided for the repeal of former Ch. 59, Brush, Grass and Weeds, adopted 12-16-1968 as §§ 14-12, 14-16 and 14-21 of Ch. 14 of the 1968 Code, as amended.

suit at law.

- B. A violation of this chapter shall be punishable as a municipal infraction as set forth in Chapter 110, Municipal Infractions, of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant and subject to a fine of \$400, in addition to the cost for abatement by the Public Works Department. Each day upon which a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense. [Amended 3-27-2017 by Ord. No. O-17-17]