

Chapter 315

TREES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of East Vandergrift (Ch. 1, §§ 121.1 to 121.4, of the 1977 compilation). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Brush, grass and weeds — See Ch. 118.

Nuisances — See Ch. 212.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 230.

§ 315-1. South Carolina poplars declared nuisance.

South Carolina poplar trees located on the streets and alleys of the Borough on which sanitary sewers are constructed, and on public or private property fronting or abutting said streets and alleys within a distance of 50 feet of any sanitary sewer, are hereby declared to be a nuisance and damaging to said sanitary sewer system of the Borough.

§ 315-2. Removal of trees affecting sewers.

All owners or occupiers of lots fronting or abutting any street or alley, upon which a sanitary sewer is constructed, are hereby required and directed to remove any and all South Carolina poplar trees and any other trees the roots of which are damaging to sewers, standing or growing on a street or alley on which a sanitary sewer has been constructed in front of or abutting their property, or located on their property within a distance of 50 feet of any sanitary sewer, within five months after the passage of this chapter.

§ 315-3. Removal by Borough.

Upon the neglect or refusal of any owner or occupier of a lot or lots to comply with the requirements as provided in § 315-2 of this chapter, the Borough may, after 30 days' notice, cause any and all South Carolina poplar trees and any other trees the roots of which are damaging to sewers, standing or growing as aforesaid, to be removed and destroyed and may collect the costs thereof and 10% additional together with all charges and expenses from such owner, and may file a municipal claim therefor or collect the same by action of assumpsit.

§ 315-4. Notice to remove.

The notice provided for in § 315-3 of this chapter shall be served on the owner of the premises to which the notice refers, if such owner be a resident of the Borough. If the owner is not a resident, then the notice may be served upon the agent or tenant of the owner, or upon the occupier of such premises. If the owner has no agent or tenant or there be no occupier of such premises, then service shall be by printed or written notice posted upon the premises.