

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 521.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO NOTICE TO OWNERS OF LAND AND PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR TRIMMING OF TREES AND SHRUBS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Ordained by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Ohio:

Section 1: Section 521.07 of the Codified Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

521.07 TREES, SHRUBBERY OBSTRUCTING LIGHT OR TRAFFIC VIEW TO BE TRIMMED OR CUT.

(a) No person shall plant, grow or maintain any shade tree or trees or shrubbery which will obstruct the proper distribution of light from street lamps or which will obstruct the view of traffic approaching an intersection by operators of vehicles approaching such intersection from another direction.

(b) Except as otherwise provided for corner lots in the Zoning Ordinance all trees shall be trimmed so as to have a clear height of ten feet above the surface of sidewalks and twelve feet above the surface of the street or roadway, and the branches of all trees in front of and along lots or lands near which street lights are placed shall be trimmed so as not to obstruct the free passage of light from such street lights to the street and sidewalks.

(c) The Director of Public Service shall cause a written notice to be given to property owners ordering them to trim or remove trees and/or shrubbery so that such trees and shrubbery shall conform to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) hereof.

(d) If the property owner fails to trim or remove the trees and/or shrubbery as ordered, the Director of Public Service may cause the trees or shrubbery to be trimmed or removed as ordered, and the cost thereof shall be reported to Council. The costs if not paid by the owner shall be reported to the County Auditor as a lien and

shall be collected as other taxes in the manner provided by law.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Section 2: Existing Section 521.07 of the Codified Ordinances is repealed.

Section 3: This Ordinance is determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety for the reason to provide a mechanism to notice and collect for municipal expense and provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed, it shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided by law.

Passed: 6/16/87

David W. Howard
President of Council

E. June Ferber
Mayor

Dated: 6-16-87

Attest:

Mary L. Hegley
Clerk of Council