

City of Bennington
August 2023 Newsletters

Thank you to Dustin Murk for your service to the City of Bennington and the residents of the city for the last seven years. We wish you the very best!

We are happy to announce and welcome our new City Operations Man, Shayne Haney. Shane started his position with us on the 25th of July. Please introduce yourselves to him when you see him around town!
Welcome Shayne!

*****Attention*****

The city council has been discussing tree trimming throughout the city. In our ordinances, this is the homeowner's responsibility, but it is not consistently being done in most places in town. So, the city is considering using public funds to ensure that this is done on a regular basis. How do you feel about the city taking this over? Would you prefer to trim your own trees on all sides of your property that hang over streets, sidewalks, alleys etc.? Please feel free to give me a call at the city office if you have ideas or concerns regarding this. I will report back to the council at the next meeting on August 14th. Thank you! 785-488-3767

13-304. Trimming trees, hedges, shrubs.

Every owner or occupant of land or premises, adjacent to or abutting any street or sidewalk in the City of Bennington, shall keep the trees on his premises trimmed to a height of at least 10 feet over the sidewalks and driveways and 15 feet over streets and alleys, so that the branches shall not interfere with the traveling public. All hedges and shrubs thus located shall be trimmed in such manner that the limbs or boughs thereof shall not encroach upon or over such sidewalks or street and obstruct free and convenient travel thereon.

(Ord. 317; Code 2018)

13-305. Notice to trim or remove trees.

Upon failure of any person, firm or corporation to trim trees as hereinbefore stated, the city clerk may, upon direction of the city council, give notice by certified letter for said property owner or owners to trim their trees or shrubs, and upon failure to so do, the city may cause the same to be trimmed and the expense thereof shall be levied, certified, and collected in the same manner as in Article 1 of Chapter 8, applied to taxes. If it is determined by the city council that any diseased, dead or dying trees or shrubs within the City of Bennington are detrimental to the health and well-being of other vegetation or to the safety of persons or property, the owner or owners of such property shall be notified, and action taken as set forth in this article. In the case of trees, parts of the trees, or shrubbery falling onto street, alleys or sidewalks, same shall be removed by the owner, or upon his failure to do so, the city shall cause it to be removed and the expense thereof shall be assessed to the property as in the case of trimming or removing dead trees.

