



Ordinance-2023-03-Shrubs & Trees

WHEREAS, the life and health of the Town of Brentwood's residents are our utmost priority; and

WHEREAS traffic crashes are among the leading causes of death and injury within the United States and the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS traffic deaths and serious injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted pedestrians, cyclists, people of color, low-income households, older adults and youth, people with disabilities, and households with limited vehicle access; and

WHEREAS it is the express interest of this Town to avoid preventable accidents and deaths by maintaining clear lines of vision at intersections for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD that Chapter 44-7, Section Two of the Brentwood code is amended as follows:

- A. No person may maintain or allow to exist on the property which they own or which is in their possession or control trees, shrubs, hedges, or other vegetation or projecting overhanging limbs thereof, which obstruct the view necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles or otherwise cause danger to the public in the use of town streets. It shall be the duty of the person who owns, possesses, or controls the property to remove or trim and keep trimmed any obstructions to the view.
- B. No hedge bordering within three feet of any public sidewalk, public street or public path may grow to a height of more than three feet, measured from the surface of the sidewalk grade or path.
- C. A clear vision area shall be maintained on the corners of all property adjacent to an intersection. The clear vision area for all corner lots shall be that area within 25 feet of the corner of a property located at an intersection of two streets.
- D. A clear vision area shall contain no planting, wall, structure, or temporary or permanent obstruction, except for a utility pole, except when the height of the obstruction does not exceed three feet in height, measured from the top of the curb, or where no curb exists, from the street centerline grade. Trees exceeding this height may be located in this area; all branches and foliage are removed to the height of eight feet above the grade.
- E. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance and any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of 30 calendar days following its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD, this _____ day of _____, 2023, as follows:

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2023.



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Attest: Larry Moran, Town Clerk

Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor

Stefan Leggin, Vice Mayor

Marcus Monroe, Councilmember

Quianna Taylor, Councilmember

Lauren Rauk, Councilmember