

## CHAPTER 126

### LICENSING OF TREE TRIMMERS

126.01 License Required

126.02 Written Test

126.03 Issuance of License; Fee

126.04 Scope of License

126.05 Exemptions

126.06 Bond Required

126.07 Permit Required For Removal of Specific Trees

126.08 Removal of Trimmings

126.09 Worker's Compensation Policy

**126.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.** No person shall engage in the business of removing, cutting, or trimming of trees in the City without first obtaining a license therefor.

**126.02 WRITTEN TEST.** Each applicant for the license shall first take a written test, which test will determine the applicant's understanding of the basic principles of proper tree removal, cutting, and trimming. The test shall be prepared by the City Building Inspector, in question and answer form, and given by and marked by the Clerk. Anyone holding a valid license from the City of Waterloo, Iowa, shall be eligible for a license under this chapter without the necessity of first taking a written test.

**126.03 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; FEE.** If the applicant for the license correctly answers over seventy percent (70%) of the questions on the test, said applicant shall be granted a license as a tree trimmer upon payment of an annual license fee in an amount set by resolution of the Council, payable on October 1 of each year.

**126.04 SCOPE OF LICENSE.** The license required in this chapter shall allow the removing, cutting and trimming of shade trees over thirty (30) feet in height standing in any street, alley, parkway, boulevard or other public or private place in the City.

**126.05 EXEMPTIONS.** Sections 126.01 through 126.04 do not apply to:

1. The United State of America, the State, any county, municipality or political subdivision of the State, any department, bureau or agency of the foregoing or any official representative of any of the foregoing in the pursuit of official duties;
2. Any person with reference to trees on said person's own premises;
3. Any individual performing labor or services on or in connection with trees at the direction and under the personal supervision of a licensed tree trimmer, while in the performance of such functions;
4. Any public utility, including its authorized employees and agents, when engaged in tree trimming or tree removal for the purpose of line clearance, and in order to ensure the continuity of utility service to the public.

**126.06 BOND REQUIRED.** Any person, before engaging in the business or occupation of removing, cutting or trimming trees in the City, shall deposit with the Clerk good and sufficient bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) conditioned that such person shall faithfully comply with the provisions of this chapter, and further conditioned to indemnify, save, and keep harmless the City and its officers from any and all claims, damages, losses, and actions by reason of any acts or things done under or by authority or permission granted pursuant to this chapter.

**126.07 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR REMOVAL OF SPECIFIC TREES.** In addition to any other requirements of this chapter, a person must obtain a permit before removing any trees in the City.

**126.08 REMOVAL OF TRIMMINGS.** Any person having a permit as provided in this chapter shall immediately and at said person's own expense remove all tree trunks, limbs, branches, twigs or brush, and dispose of them in a way so designated by the City Building Inspector, or at such other place provided for the disposal of the same.

**126.09 WORKER'S COMPENSATION POLICY.** Any person, before engaging in the business or occupation of removing, cutting or trimming trees in the City, shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the Clerk that the workers employed by said person are covered by a suitable worker's compensation policy according to the laws of the State or of the state of the domicile of such person.

[The next page is 561]