

Amber Noworatzky

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Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Amber Noworatzky
Cc: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6; Bill Nichols
Subject: Fwd: External: Alley between N. 13 and N.14th street

*Working w/ Foresty
Sandy R.
emailed Alders / Robert
9/8/22 to
address problem.*

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Bill S

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Thank you,
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From: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6
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To: Sandy Ronski
Cc: Amber Noworatzky; Bill Schlei; Martinez, Rob; Billy Hutterer; Bill Nichols
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Attachments: Re: External: Alley between N. 13 and N.14th street

That is fine for enforcement, however in the attached email it states that Building Inspection already made contact. I strongly recommend that NO ACTION be taken on enforcement until the issue comes forward to committee as I requested. I have made contact with the property owner and informed them that they may receive another letter, that issue is not on the agenda for Monday and that it will be on the agenda in October.

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Code & Contact history for these trees/shrubs:

- 9/30/2014 – Parks/Forestry letter sent for trees/bushes over the alleyway – Parks / Forestry Division cut & costs assessed to property owner
- 7/14/2016 – Parks/Forestry letter sent for trees/bushes overhanging the sidewalk - no action taken
- 8/15/2017 – Parks/Forestry letter sent for trees/bushes over the alleyway - property owner trimmed – issue closed
- 7/27/2020 – Building Inspection letter sent for vision triangle – 10/1/20 – bushes appeared to be trimmed slightly – issue closed
- 7/6/2022 - Building Inspection letter sent for vision triangle – Sept. 2020 – issue closed & transferred to Forestry
- 9/9/2022 – Forestry letter sent for vision triangle violation – letter includes information regarding heights that must be maintained over streets, sidewalks & alleyways – property to be checked 30 days from date of letter

This is what the Municipal Code states in Chapter 8 CEMETERY & PARKS regarding abating public nuisances:

(b) Authority Over Private Trees, Shrubs, and Terrace Trees.

1. Notice to Abate Public Nuisances. Whenever the Director finds, upon examination, that any tree or shrub or part thereof growing or located upon private premises is a hazard or public nuisance, it shall be pruned, sprayed, removed or otherwise abated by the owner or occupant of such property. A written notice from the Director shall be sent by certified mail to the affected homeowner. Said notice shall include a detailed explanation of any required abatement.

Abatement shall take place within 30 days of receipt of said written notice unless specified otherwise and unless the Director shall determine that immediate action is necessary for public safety. At the discretion of the Director, Manitowoc Public Utilities and the Director of Public Works herein are authorized to complete emergency pruning that, in the opinion of the Director, constitutes a hazard or public nuisance.

2. Abatement of Nuisances. If the owner of such premises or owner's agent and/or tenant refuses or neglects to comply with the written notice within the time specified, the City Forester shall cause the nuisance to be sprayed, pruned, removed or otherwise abated, and shall report the expense to the

Municipal Tree Commission as a proposed assessment against the property. Prior to November 10th of each year, the Commission shall make a report to the Common Council of the work performed on each parcel and the amount chargeable to the property. The Common Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed assessments and shall give notice thereof by publishing a Class 2 notice under Wis. Stat. Ch. [985](#). At the direction of the Common Council, the assessment amounts shall be reported to the City Clerk to be levied against each affected parcel and shall constitute a lien collectable as a special assessment.

From what I understand, the Building Inspection Division does not have the same authority to actually abate the nuisance.

Sandy Ronski

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I am confused. The property owner had already been informed that there was a violation by Building Inspection. The property owner then contacted me to question the violation and I asked this item to come forward to Public Safety because the property owner stated that in the past they had city staff onsite and stated that the plantings were fine. As far as I know, there is no history of that other than some previous complaints that were closed without action.

Now the property owner is going to get another letter telling them that there is a violation? Really?? The first violation hasn't even been heard by the committee.

According to our council rules, the request needs to be placed on the agenda - This was not handled well.

If the letter goes out, fine, but I strongly recommend that no action be taken until this item comes before the Public Safety Committee as I requested.

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On Sep 9, 2022, at 2:59 PM, Sandy Ronski <sronski@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Ok, I am going to go ahead & send the letter out today then. If we need to send a revised letter at some point, then I can do that.

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This item is not on the PS agenda. After consulting with Alder Schlei it was decided to generate a complaint through forestry.

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On Sep 9, 2022, at 2:44 PM, Sandy Ronski <sronski@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Ok, I was able to retrieve the letter from the mailroom before it went out. I just checked the Public Safety agenda, & currently there is not an agenda item for this concern (see the attachment). I assume that this concern is something that can be discussed under public input.

Amber, please let me know what happens with this issue at the meeting, so I know if the letter should be mailed out or if the issue should be closed.

Thank you,

Sandy Ronski

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Can we hold off with that letter until after the Public Safety meeting on Monday. The property owner had been informed that trimming was required and is coming to the committee meeting to discuss the issue.

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On Sep 9, 2022, at 2:14 PM, Sandy Ronski <sronski@manitowoc.org> wrote:

The City Forester reviewed the private property issue and provided me with photos yesterday of the concern. A certified letter is being sent to

the property owner today along with photos of the site. (Due to size restrictions, I am attaching only 2 of the 5 photos.) The property owner will have 30 days to abate the issue. The City Forester will then re-check the site. If the work is not completed within 30 days of the date of the letter, the issue will be either sent to the City's contractor to abate the issue or the City of Manitowoc Forestry staff will complete the work. All costs will then be assessed to the property owner.

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All,

I opened up a ticket as stated in this thread.

From: Amber Noworatzky <anoworatzky@manitowoc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Martinez, Rob <Robert.Martinez@aah.org>
Cc: Sandy Ronski <sronski@manitowoc.org>; Bill Schlei <bschlei@manitowoc.org>; Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org>
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Robert,

Per our phone conversation I have included our email thread and also contact information for Sandy in our forestry department. Sandy stated once a complaint is received either by reaching out to her (920-686-6518) or submitting a report a concern through the website the property is looked at and a certified letter giving the property 30 days to take care of the issue is sent per state requirements. If action is not taken by the property owner, then the City will take care of the issue by performing the necessary work themselves or hiring a contractor to do so. Fees are then assessed to the property owner and applied to their tax bill.

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or you can use our "Report a Concern" to make the complaint.

<https://www.manitowoc.org/forms.aspx?FID=74>

If I can be of any further assistance in this process, please feel free to reach out.

Have a wonderful day!

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Amber,

That would be really great. Thank you for all that you do.

Please keep me in the loop on this in case we have to go to the next step.

Bill Schlei
District 8 Alderman

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On Sep 8, 2022, at 9:27 AM, Amber Noworatzky <anoworatzky@manitowoc.org> wrote:

While preparing the PS agenda for September I was trying to determine if a complaint about this property had gone to the forestry department. I reached out to Sandy Ronski who is copied in this email and she mentioned there had been complaints in years past but there aren't any current active complaints. Sandy stated once a complaint is received either by reaching out to her (920-686-6518) or submitting a report a concern through the website the property is looked at and a certified letter giving

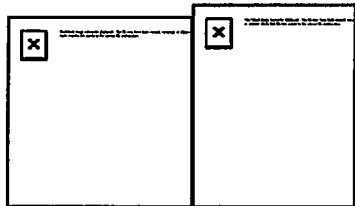
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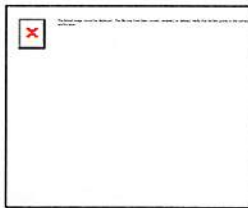
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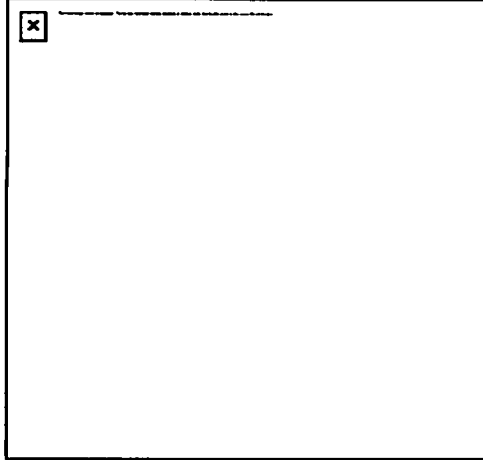
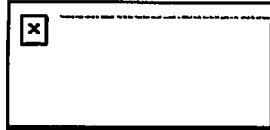
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