

Cambridge Spring Borough's Policy Relating to Trees Within the Right's-of-Way of Borough Streets

Consistent with the law in Pennsylvania, the Borough recognizes that trees and shrubs located within the right-of-way of Borough streets are owned by the landowner(s) whose property adjoins the street. As such, the landowner shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of these trees, for the removal of broken or damaged limbs, and for the removal of the tree when dead, damaged or uprooted.

In the event the Borough determines that a condition of a tree located within the right-of-way of a Borough street is in a condition that poses a hazard or danger to motorists or pedestrians within the right-of-way, or that interferes with an existing use of the right-of-way for highway, utility or other public use, the Borough shall notify the landowner(s) responsible for the tree of the need to trim, cut or remove all or part of the tree and the landowner(s) shall be responsible for trimming, cutting or removing the tree within a reasonable time or within a time period established by the Borough in the case of an immediate danger or need.

The Borough may, at its sole discretion, consistent with its rights under the law, with consent of the landowner(s) or by process of law, trim, cut or remove trees within the Borough street right-of-way that it has determined pose a hazard to traffic or pedestrians or that interferes with the safe use of highways or with a utility or some other public use of the right-of-way

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