

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE FISCAL NOTE

A) DATE 1/9/03

FILE NUMBER: 021223

Original Fiscal Note ☒ Substitute ☐

SUBJECT: Substitute ordinance prohibiting tree stumps projecting above finished grade when visible from the public way

B) SUBMITTED BY (Name/title/dept./ext.): Linda Elmer/Staff Assistant/City Clerk's Office /x2232 per Bob MacFayden, Forestry Div.

- C) CHECK ONE: ☐ ADOPTION OF THIS FILE AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES  
☐ ADOPTION OF THIS FILE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES: FURTHER COMMON COUNCIL ACTION NEEDED. LIST ANTICIPATED COSTS IN SECTION G BELOW.  
☐ NOT APPLICABLE/NO FISCAL IMPACT.

- D) CHARGE TO: ☒ DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT (DA) 636500 ☐ CONTINGENT FUND (CF)  
☐ CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (CPF) ☐ SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNTS (SPA)  
☐ PERM. IMPROVEMENT FUNDS (PIF) ☐ GRANT & AID ACCOUNTS (G & AA)  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

E) PURPOSE	SPECIFY TYPE/USE	ACCOUNT	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE	SAVINGS
SALARIES/WAGES:					
SUPPLIES:					
MATERIALS:					
NEW EQUIPMENT:					
EQUIPMENT REPAIR:					
OTHER:	Contractor and related administrative costs (Forestry Services Section – GOE Account)				
TOTALS					

- F) FOR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES WHICH WILL OCCUR ON AN **ANNUAL** BASIS OVER SEVERAL YEARS CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW AND THEN LIST EACH ITEM AND DOLLAR AMOUNT **SEPARATELY**.

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- G) LIST ANY ANTICIPATED FUTURE COSTS THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE FOR COMPLETION:


<b>H) COMPUTATIONS USED IN ARRIVING AT FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>
It is impossible to calculate a fiscal impact of this ordinance as there are too many variables (i.e. location of the stumps and equipment needed, amount
of backfill needed, specific equipment which would need to be used) and the fact that the department has no history with contracting of stump removal
on private property

PLEASE LIST ANY COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE AND CHECK HERE ☒

**Proposed Ordinance Change to Section 116-53 (Use of Public Ways and Places)**  
**Forestry Division Information**

Addition to the current ordinance to include:

**2. Any tree stump projecting above finished grade and which is also visible from the public way shall be deemed a nuisance and is prohibited.**

**Potential Fiscal Impact:**

1. This change would mean the addition of funding to the Forestry Section Services (GOE) account to pay contractors that remove stumps on private property. The Division estimates approximately \$4500.00 Fiscal Impact. (\$75.00-\$300.00 per stump)
2. Inspector and administrative costs to administer the contracts as well as property owner notification.
3. Currently there is an 80% compliance rate for property owners to remove or prune hazardous trees. One could expect a similar compliance rate for stumps.
4. Since the Forestry Division tags trees for removal on private property, adding stumps may not be a problem; however, the Division has no experience with stump removal on private property.

**Key Points:**

1. Currently Forestry involvement on private property involves assessing yard trees for potential safety hazards to both the public and private way.
2. Trees are cited as hazards if they present a high probability of failure, either partial or complete, which could cause personal injury or property damage.
3. Is it in the best interest of the city to be involved in issues that are not a safety issue or violation of any current public safety ordinance?
4. Issues that effect stump removal costs: Size, location in yard, proximity to utilities or structures, amount of topsoil to backfill hole, accessibility by equipment (large/small stumping equipment)