

under a penalty of not less than \$5 nor exceeding \$25 for each and every offense.

116-63. Electric Devices Near Trees. No person, corporation or association shall attach any electric insulators, or any device for the holding of electric wires, to any tree growing or planted upon any public highway of the city. Every person, corporation or association having any wire or wires charged with electricity running through a public highway shall securely fasten such wire or wires to a post or other structure so that they shall not come in contact with any tree thereon. Every such person, corporation or association shall, when and if the commissioner of public works determines it to be necessary in order to prune or cut down any trees growing in a public highway in the city, temporarily remove any such wire or wires, or cut off the electricity within 24 hours after service upon the owner of said wire or wires, or his or its agents, of a written notice signed by the commissioner of public works to remove said wire or wires, or cut off said electricity.

116-66. Examination of Trees. The commissioner of public works shall have the right to examine all trees, alive or dead, standing or fallen, and logwood piles for the purpose of determining whether same are contagiously diseased. Such examinations shall include the right to take samples from such trees and logwood piles for laboratory testing purposes. **It is made the duty of the commissioner of public works to give notice to the owner or owners, or the agent of such owner or owners of land, in the city whereon there are situated any infested or diseased trees, or hazardous conditions existing, or cut elm wood, unless debarked or treated with a proper insecticide, declared by said commissioner to be a public nuisance under s. 116-53, and which are not maintained by the city as provided by law, to remove, prune or treat or cause same to be removed, pruned or treated within 30 days,** excepting when said notice applies to the pruning or treating of elm trees, or other diseased or infested trees which shall be done within 10 days.

116-67. Removal, Pruning or Treatment of Trees. The commissioner of public works shall have the power and is authorized and instructed, after proper notification as referred to in s. 116-66, and noncompliance therewith, to cause

such trees, or cut elm wood, unless debarked and treated with a proper insecticide, which are deemed to be a nuisance under s. 116-53, **to be removed, pruned or treated at the expense of the owner of the land whereon the same stand,** and if such owner or his agent cannot be found in the city the commissioner of public works may cause such trees to be removed, pruned or treated at the expense of the owner of such land without notice.

116-68. Cost of Removal. 1. REPORT TO CITY COMPTROLLER. Except for the costs imposed for tree removal under ss.116-53 and 116-66, the commissioner of public works shall keep an account of all costs expended upon the work in front of each lot, part of lot or parcel of land, and make an annual report to the city comptroller, stating and certifying the description of the lots, parts of lots or parcels of land in front or rear of or upon which the work shall have been done, and the city comptroller shall, at the time of making his or her annual report to the common council of the lots or parcels of land subject to special tax or assessment, include therein the lots or parcels so reported to him or her by the commissioner of public works, with the aggregate amount chargeable thereto, according to the report, and the amounts shall be levied on the lots or parcels of land respectively to which they are so chargeable, in like manner as other special taxes are levied in the city.

2. REPORT TO CITY TREASURER. The commissioner of public works shall keep an account of all costs of tree removal, provided for under ss.116-53 and 116-66, that are expended upon the work in front of each lot, part of lot or parcel of land, and make an annual report to the city treasurer of the trees removed under ss.116-53 and 116-66 that includes the amounts that shall be levied as special assessments on the lots or parcels of land respectively to which they are so chargeable.

3. PAYMENT TERMS. The special assessment amounts for the cost of removal of trees, under ss.116-53 and 116-66, levied on the lots or parcels of land, respectively, to which they are so charged shall be paid under the following terms and conditions:

a. Except as provided for in par. b, the total amount for the cost imposed for the removal of trees shall be paid to the city treasurer within the time allowed for the payment of general property taxes.