

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
POLICY STATEMENT**

Policy #GG-019

TREE INSPECTION AND REMOVAL

**Effective Date: August 8, 2016
Revision Date:**

Purpose:

To permit Town staff to inspect trees and issue orders for removal as outlined in **Section 63 of the Municipal Government Act.**

Policy Statement:

1. Council authorizes its employees to enter upon land within the Town to inspect the trees to determine whether they are in a diseased condition or damaged to the extent that they constitute a hazard to the safety of persons or property.
2. Council authorizes the Town Clerk/Treasurer to order an owner of land, within thirty (30) days of service of a copy of the order, to remove a tree or limb that is, in the opinion of the authorized employee, hazardous to persons or property or so affected by disease or insect infestation as to endanger the life and health of trees in the vicinity.
3. Where the owner fails to remove the tree or limb described in the order within thirty (30) days of service of a copy of the order, a person authorized by the employee may enter upon the land upon which the tree or limb is situate, without warrant or other legal process, and remove the tree or limb.
4. The actual cost of removal of the tree or limb pursuant to subsection (3) may be recovered as a debt from the owner of the land upon which it was located and is a first lien on the real property of the owner of the land and shall be collected in the same manner as taxes.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Annotation For Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members
Of Intent to Consider (7 days minimum): July 11, 2016

Date of Passage of Current Policy: August 8, 2016

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.


Town Clerk/Treasurer

August 22, 2016
Date