

ORDINANCE NO. 803

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 8-105.1 OF THE GOTHENBURG MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR TOPPING / TRIMMING TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8-105.1 of the Gothenburg Municipal Code is hereby enacted and shall read as follows:

8-105.1 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY; TOPPING / TRIMMING TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. 1.) It shall be unlawful for any person to top any tree on City owned land or public right of way within the corporate limits of the City of Gothenburg. 2.) The term top or topping is defined as "Removing the vertical leader stems and cutting the tree limbs back to a stub, bud, or a later branch not large enough to assume a terminal role, resulting in decay of the trunk and/or main branches and sprout production. Usually involves removing more than one third of the tree canopy." 3.) Any person trimming any trees on City owned land or on public right of way shall follow trimming guidelines as set forth in the ANSI A300 Pruning Standards.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 20th day of December, 2005.

CITY OF GOTHENBURG,
DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BY Larry Franzen
Larry Franzen, Mayor

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