

CITY OF EVERETT RIGHT OF WAY TREE TRIMMING GUIDELINES

Trees, shrubs and other types of vegetation that overhang the street or sidewalk along your property need to be maintained, trimmed and managed to allow free and full use of the street or sidewalk by the general public.

The requirement of a continuous passage within the public sidewalk is intended to provide accessibility for persons with mobility impairments. Elements that overhang a public sidewalk are covered even though they may not arise from the public sidewalk.

Tree branches are a particular hazard when they intrude into the required clear headroom of 7 feet. Headroom clearance applies across the entire width of a public sidewalk.

The clearance standards are 16.5 feet above street areas from curb or 2 feet from road edge if no curb along street or alley. The clearance standards are 7 feet above any part of a sidewalk or pedestrian path area.

Examples of trees, shrubs and other types of vegetation in the right of way that need trimming.



If you would like to request service or report a problem such as overgrown vegetation, you can contact our 24 hour line at 425-257-8821 or complete our [online form](#).



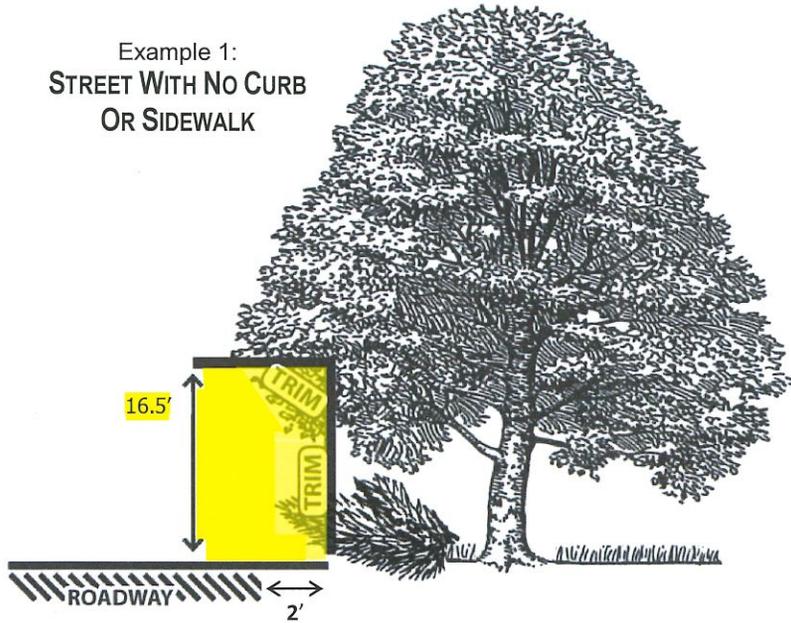
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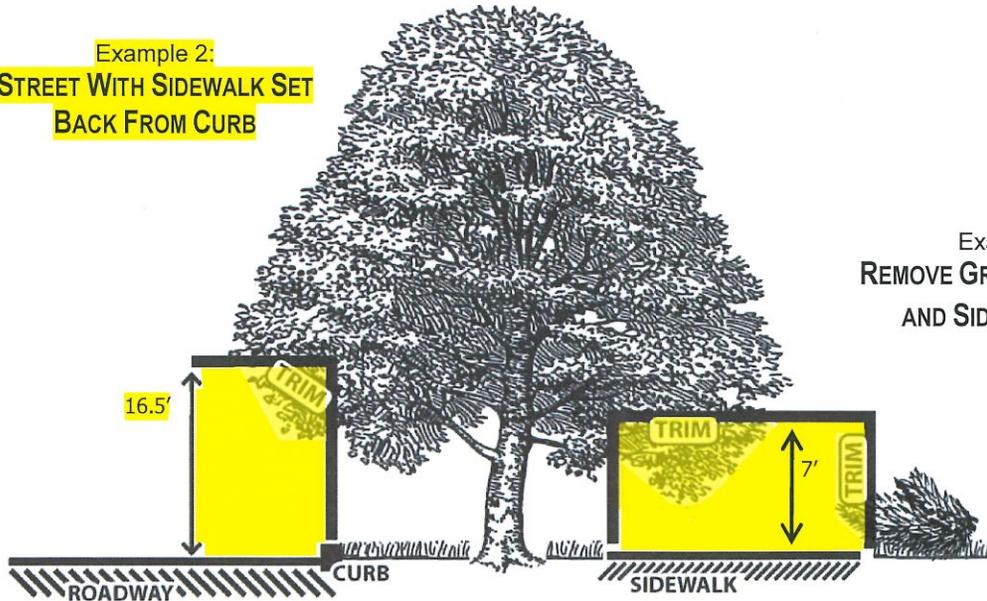
8.08.020 Obstruction of streets and sidewalks.

Each and every owner of property situated in the city shall remove or destroy all trees, plants, shrubs or vegetation, or parts thereof which overhang any sidewalk or street or which are growing thereon in such a manner as to obstruct or impair the free and full use of a sidewalk or street by the public. (Prior code 11.08.020)

Example 1:
STREET WITH NO CURB
OR SIDEWALK



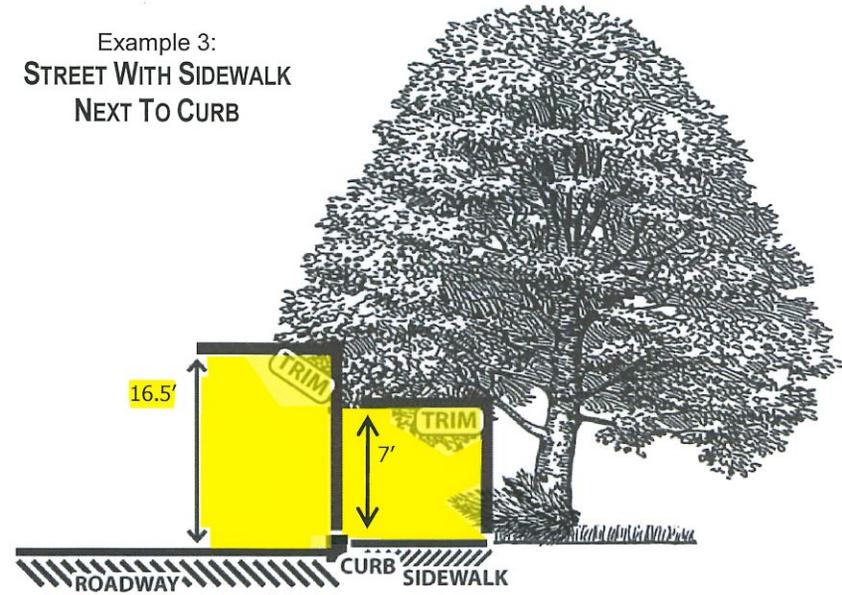
Example 2:
STREET WITH SIDEWALK SET
BACK FROM CURB



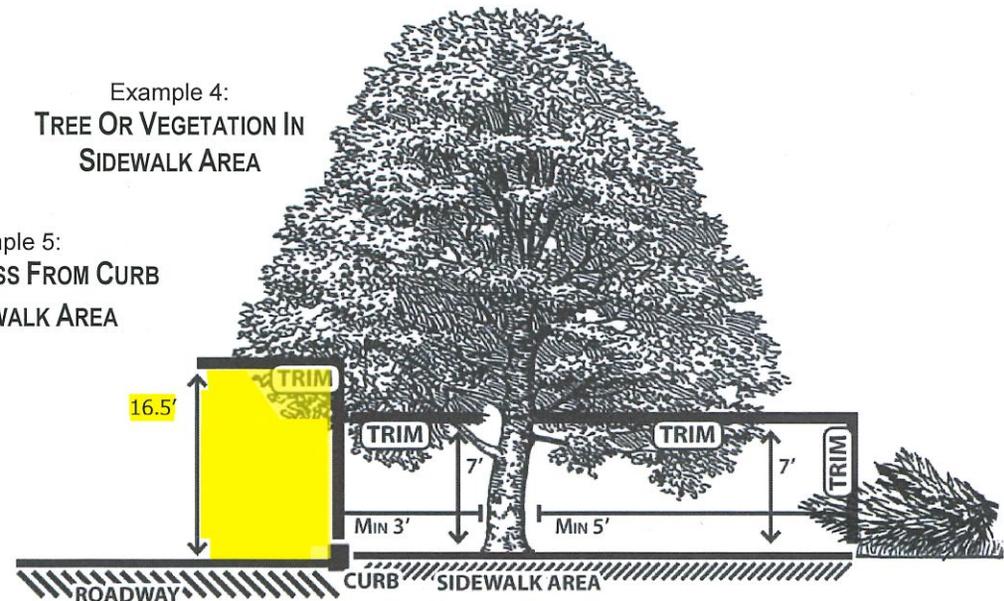
8.08.030 Dead vegetation-Fire or health hazard.

Each and every owner of property situated in the city shall remove or destroy all grass, weeds, shrubs, bushes, trees, or vegetation growing or which has grown and died upon property owned or occupied by such owner, and which are a fire hazard or a menace to public health, safety and welfare. (Prior code 11.08.030)

Example 3:
STREET WITH SIDEWALK
NEXT TO CURB



Example 4:
TREE OR VEGETATION IN
SIDEWALK AREA



Example 5:
REMOVE GRASS FROM CURB
AND SIDEWALK AREA