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- a) The Mayor shall appoint a tree warden in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-58 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- b) The tree warden shall have the powers provided by Sections 23-59 and 23-65 of the Connecticut General Statutes and carry out the duties prescribed in such sections. He shall also have the power to:
 1. approve all plantings of trees, shrubs or vines on public property within the lines of a sidewalk in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to this section and to declare any tree located on public property to be a landmark tree if such tree meets the criteria of a landmark tree contained in regulations adopted pursuant to this section;
 2. order the treatment, trimming or removal and destruction of dangerous or diseased trees, shrubs or vines located on public or private property;
 3. order the trimming or removal of trees, shrubs or vines located on private property which have branches or foliage overhanging any street, sidewalk or public way in a manner which presents a danger to pedestrians or vehicles or which extend into any travel lines of any street, sidewalk or other public way;
 4. order the cutting of grass and weeds to a maximum height of nine
 5. inches on any part of a lot which abuts a public street or sidewalk or to a
 6. maximum height of six inches on any part of a lot which abuts another lot or
 7. lots, regardless of whether or not such lot or lots have structures thereon.
- c) Any order issued pursuant to subsection (b) shall specify a period of time for compliance of not less than five days from the date of such order. In the event any order issued by him is not complied with, the tree warden may have the work prescribed by such order performed by the Town and the Town may collect the expense thereof from the person or persons to whom such order was issued.
- d) The tree warden may, after consultation with the Tree Board, prescribe regulations for the care, planting, pruning, removal and preservation of trees and shrubs within his jurisdiction and the criteria for designating a landmark tree.
- e) Any person who objects to an order from the tree warden pursuant to this section may petition for reconsideration of such order in writing to the tree warden within five days of issuance of the order. Upon receipt of such petition, the tree warden shall hold a public hearing on such petition in accordance with Section 29-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Within three days after such hearing, the tree warden shall issue a decision on such petition.
- f) Any person aggrieved by a decision issued by the tree warden pursuant to subsection (e) may appeal such decision to the Tree Board within ten days from the date of the tree warden's decision. The Tree Board shall hold a hearing on such appeal within thirty days of receipt of the notice of appeal.

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The owner, lessee or occupant, or the agent, servant, representative or employee of the owner, lessee or occupant having control of such lot, or part of such lot, whose duty it is to cut the grass or weeds, or remove the filth or rubbish who shall violate the provisions of this Chapter or refuse to comply with orders of the Director, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; provided that in prosecutions against an owner or his agent, the defendant shall be allowed to show that the occupant of the lot or part of such lot has agreed to conform to the provisions of this Chapter and to save the owner harmless from all fines for violations thereof. The proof of such agreement shall be sufficient defense to such prosecution. Whenever a private corporation shall violate the provisions of this Chapter, the officers and directors of the corporation shall be personally liable.

Sec. 20-3. Accumulation of Grass, Weeds, Etc. as Fire Hazard; Notice to Abate.

- (a) The owner, lessee or person in charge of any land found by the Fire Marshal to be with high grass, brush, weeds or accumulations of any such inflammable material not fit or intended for animal consumption, and which, when ignited is liable to cause the spread of fire that may result in damage to adjoining premises or any buildings thereon, shall be notified by the Fire Marshal to remove such fire hazard within ten days after written notice thereof is mailed to such owner, lessee or person in charge of such land by registered or certified mail, at his address appearing on the tax assessor's records. Notice to the secretary of any corporation owning such land shall be deemed to be notice to the corporation, and the secretary of the corporation shall be deemed to be the person in charge of the land.
- (b) Any person notified as provided herein who shall fail or neglect to comply with such order issued by the Fire Marshal to remove such fire hazard within the time required after the mailing of such notice shall, upon complaint of the Fire Marshal in writing to the proper court, appear before the court.

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If for any reason, such as absence from the State, critical illness or any other like disability on the part of the owner, lessee or party in charge, it should become impracticable to prosecute such person under the provisions of Section 20-3, the Town may cause such fire hazard to be removed and cause a lien to be filed encumbering such land in favor of the Town to secure the expense of such removal, with legal interest thereon.

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