



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 362 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, to update outdated language and to add requirements for displaying business names and license numbers, adhering to industry standards for tree work, and registering with the State Department of Agriculture.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1

Chapter 362 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 362.01. - License required.

No person shall fell, cut or trim any tree for hire in Saint Paul, or engage in the business of so doing without a license. This shall apply only to the felling, cutting or trimming of trees, limbs and branches which are two (2) inches or more in diameter at the point of cutting or severance.

Sec. 362.02. - Fee.

The fee required for a license shall be established by ordinance as specified in section 310.09(b) of the Legislative Code.

Sec. 362.03. - Licensing requirements.

(a) *Application.* In addition to other required information, the application shall state the name and address of the applicant; whether the applicant is an individual, partnership, firm or corporation; the number, and make and style of ~~wagons~~, trucks or vehicles to be used by the applicant in carrying on the business of tree trimmer.

(b) *Insurance.* ~~No license or renewal thereof shall be granted unless and until the applicant therefor shall first have filed with the inspector~~ An applicant must submit evidence of insurance, in form to be approved by the city attorney, issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota, insuring said applicant in a sum of at least ~~ten one hundred thousand dollars (\$ 100,000.00) (\$10,000.00)~~ against liability imposed by law on account of for bodily injuries to or death of any person or persons not covered by the workers' compensation law, and in a sum of at least ~~five one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) (\$ 100,000.00)~~ against liability imposed by law on account of for damage to or destruction of property, in connection with or by reason of the felling, cutting or trimming of trees for hire, if such license be granted. Said policy shall provide that it may not be cancelled by the insurer except upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the inspector, and in case such insurance is so cancelled and the licensee shall fail to replace the same with another policy conforming to the provisions of this section, said license shall be automatically suspended until such insurance shall have been replaced in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(c) *License plates and register.* The inspector Department of Safety and Inspections shall keep a register of

~~each license issued, the number thereof, the name of the person, firm, association or corporation to whom the same is issued, the date when issued, the date of expiration of the same, and any other data with respect to the same or bearing upon the enforcement of this chapter. At the time a license is issued, the applicant shall be furnished the licensee with two (2) metal plates a sticker for each wagon or vehicle licensed, such plates to show thereon a number, the name of the city, the year when the license expires, and the words "Tree Trimmer." which shall be displayed on the licensed vehicle and which shall indicate the month and date of the license expiration. The applicant shall attach such metal plates in a conspicuous position on the outside of each and all such wagons and vehicles, one (1) on the right outer side and one (1) on the left outer side thereof. All such plates so required shall be procured and issued by and through the office of the inspector, and the licensee shall pay therefor the sum required in section 362.02 The name of the company, the license number, and a telephone contact number must be displayed permanently on the vehicles.~~

(d) *Registration with the Commissioner of Agriculture.* Any individual or company licensed under this chapter shall be registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture as required by Minn. Stat. §18G.07, and proof thereof shall be provided to the Department of Safety and Inspections with all license applications and renewals.

(e) *Compliance with recognized industry standards.* All licensees performing work under this chapter must comply with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard A300. Effective within one year from the date of the adoption of these amendments, any new or renewal license applications shall require that the licensee employ an individual who possesses current certification as an arborist from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

(f) *Advertising.* The license number of a licensee under this chapter must appear in any advertising by that licensee including but not limited to signs, vehicles, business cards, published display ads, flyers, brochures, Web sites, and Internet ads.

Section 2

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.