

Public Notice Regarding Boulevard Trees

In 2020, the City of Stewartville adopted an ordinance regarding boulevard trees. At that time, the community was facing issues with the emerald ash borer, and many residents wished to treat trees located within the city right-of-way (boulevard). The Ordinance created covers all boulevard trees and not just those dealing with emerald ash borer.

Under the ordinance, property owners may obtain a permit for any tree located in the boulevard. Once permitted, the property owner assumes responsibility for maintaining and/or removing the tree as necessary. Residents were given five (5) years to permit their trees, with the deadline set for **December 31, 2025**.

After this date, if boulevard trees are not permitted, the City may, at its discretion, remove trees when they have become hazardous. This includes trees that are diseased, dying, or pose an infrastructure or safety concern. The City will not remove healthy trees that do not meet these criteria.

To permit a boulevard tree, please visit our website at www.stewartvillemn.com or you can call city hall to have a permit mailed to you.

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk