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AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TREE STUMP REMOVAL

(Sponsored by City Councilor George Bitzas)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is doing a great job in cutting and removing existing trees from tree belts throughout the town; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Agawam does not specify that the Town of Agawam grind stumps that remain after the removal of trees on town-owned tree belts or town property; and

WHEREAS, leaving the tree stumps on the tree belts in front of residential homes and throughout the town causes danger to our residents and children; and

WHEREAS, leaving the tree stumps on the tree belts creates an eyesore; and

WHEREAS, residents are prohibited from grinding a tree stump located on town property and the town alone has the authority to remove a tree stump on town property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam should provide this service to keep the Town of Agawam beautiful.

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby amends Chapter 155 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the Code of the Town of Agawam by inserting the following:

Article V

§155-30 Public shade tree stump removal

The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for the grinding of or removal of a stump of a public shade tree that is cut down or removed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 87 Sections 1 through 4, inclusive. Subsequent to the grinding of the stump of a public shade tree, the debris shall be removed and replaced with loam graded to existing ground level surrounding the stump and grass spread over the disturbed area.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor