

Ordinance No. 2018-10

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
REGULATING THE HEIGHT AND CLEARANCE OF TREES,
SHRUBBERY AND BUSHES**

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance only, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this ordinance, except when the context requires other meanings:

PERSON-any natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

TOWNSHIP-Township of Silver Spring.

SECTION 2: CLEARANCE OF OBSTRUCTIONS

No person owning or occupying any property within the Township shall permit limbs, branches or growth of trees, shrubbery, bushes or other plant growth to be at least 20 feet in height or clearance over the cartway of any highway, road, street or alley; or at least 8 feet in height or clearance over any sidewalk or footway; or otherwise obstruct, impede with traffic or public. This would include any dead or hazardous trees the Township would conclude a safety concern to the public.

SECTION 3: TRIMMING OR CUTTING REQUIRED

The owner of any vacant property, or the owner or occupant of any occupied property, shall trim, cut or remove, all trees, shrubbery, bushes, other plant growth growing on the property violating any provisions of this Ordinance to include; any trees or vegetation obstructing the sight distance at any intersection of any road or alley.

SECTION 4: NOTICE TO REMOVE, TRIM OR CUT

The Township Manager, or any officer or designee are hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by mail, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any property whereon there is a violation of the provisions of this Section 2, directing and requesting such owner or occupant to trim, cut or remove such trees, shrubbery, bushes or other plant growth so as to conform to the requirements of this Section 2, within 30 days after issuance of such notice.

SECTION 5: TRIMMING, CUTTING OR REMOVAL BY TOWNSHIP

In case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within given period of time, the Township authorities may trim, cut or remove such trees, shrubbery, bushes or any other plant growth, or may enter into a contract to cause the same to be done, and the costs together with a penalty of 10% of these costs, may be collected by the Township from such person in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6: PENALTIES

Any person, firm, corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500. In default of payment of said fine each day an additional \$10.00 is to be added.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED INTO LAW as Ordinance No. 10 of 2018 this 14th day of November, 2018.

ATTEST:



Theresa Eberly, Secretary

**SILVER SPRING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



David R. Lenker, II, Chair