

Obstructions in the Right-of-Way

Having realized that the opportunity to advertise merchandise along the exterior of each storefront is a desire of the business's located in the downtown area, Bloomsburg Town Council has set forth the following regulations to achieve the goals of the downtown merchants and to maintain safe passage for passersby.

The following words, when used in this part, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Downtown area: East St., from Seventh St. to Main (Second) St.;; Main St. from East St. to West St. and all cross streets extending generally perpendicular to Main St., within the same distance, for a distance of 225' or one block, whichever is greater.

No Obstruction Zone (NOZ): The NOZ shall be an area which begins at the curb line and extends, perpendicular to the curb, for six feet (6'). The zone shall run parallel with the curb for the distance of lot line to lot line in front of all parcels located in the Downtown Area. ***There shall be no obstructions within the NOZ.***

Obstruction: Obstructions shall include, but not be limited to: merchandise, advertisements, signage, tables, chairs, benches, pottery, and the like. An obstruction, however, shall ***not*** include: trees, waste/ recycling bins, parking meters, signage, street lighting, fixtures, benches, pottery, and other similar items installed, placed or **approved by consent of The Bloomsburg Town Council and/ or The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.**

Walkway: A paved portion of the public right-of-way maintained for pedestrian traffic.

[§ 21-201 Encroachment of Right-of-Way Restricted.](#)

[Ord. 611, 5/5/1975, § 1]

No trees, shrubbery or other growth shall hereafter be planted, public utility poles erected or relocated within the street lines and no steps, cellar doors, railings, areaways, posts, pipes, guards, lights, porches, awnings, stands, signs, tanks, pumps, merchandise or other objects shall be constructed or placed within or permitted to encroach over or into the street limits of any street in the

Town of Bloomsburg, unless the permission of the Town Council shall have been received. Such permission may be granted upon written application on a form or forms provided by and made to the Zoning Officer of the Code Enforcement Officer and approved by either one.

§ 21-203 Notice to Remove Encroachment; Time Limit.

[Ord. 611, 5/5/1075, § 3]

All owners of property abutting on the streets of the Town shall, upon receipt of 60 days notice, in writing, from the Town Secretary thereof, repair, trim, cut down and/or remove any or all tress, shrubbery or other growth, steps, cellar doors, railings, areaways, posts, pipes, guards, lights, porches, awnings, stands, signs, tanks, pumps, merchandise or other objects, growing or located within the street line or encroaching over the street lines and upon failure to do so, the same shall be done by the Town authorities and the costs thereof collected from the property owner or owners by legal action, if necessary, or by the entry of a municipal lien.

§ 21-204 Maintenance of Sidewalks, Curbs, and Ground Abutting Sidewalks.

[Ord. 611, 5/5/1975, § 4; as amended by Ord. 974, 5/9/2016]

1.

The owner or owners of all lots fronting or abutting upon any public street shall maintain in good repair and condition sidewalks and curbs in accordance with the standards and requirements set forth in this Part so that the sidewalks and curbs are reasonably safe.

2.

The ground between the property lines and sidewalk lines and between the sidewalk lines and curbs in front of or alongside of all properties abutting on the streets in the Town of Bloomsburg shall be well graded and sodded.