

**City Ordinance
Section 157.117
Easements**

6. The property owner whose property is subject to such easements shall be responsible for its maintenance. The property owners shall keep the easement clear of any structure, debris, trees, shrubs or landscaping whatsoever except that lawn grass, which shall be regularly mowed, and annual vegetation may be grown thereon.

**City Ordinance
Section 57.002
Littering**

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, cast or deposit upon any street, alley, sidewalk, lake, stream, river, pond, body of water or any yard or premises, public or private, any filth of any kind, or cans, paper, trash, paper containers, rubbish, bottles, or any form of litter or waste matter.



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**Guide to
Drainageways and
Public Easements**



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Drainageways are constructed in order to afford flood protection for property owners. By necessity, it must remain free of obstructions and rubbish.

These drainageways are located on City-owned property or on private property inside a public drainage easement. Please do not plant shrubbery or trees, or place landscaping or permanent structures within the easement per City Ordinance 157.117(6). The City will not be responsible for replacement, repairs, replanting, or reconstruction of landscaping, trees or shrubs, structures or privately-owned sprinkler systems that are damaged due to maintenance of the drainageways by City employees.



Litter

The City of Sioux Falls attempts to keep all of the City-owned channels clean of debris and trash and needs your assistance in helping accomplish this task. Please be advised that discarding leaf litter and grass clippings in these open channels not only reduces the carrying capacity of the channel, it increases the amount of pollutants such as nitrogen and phosphate in the runoff. These particular substances are harmful to aquatic life if they are unnecessarily concentrated.

Dumping yard waste material into the channel may be convenient, but this is considered littering according to City Ordinance 57.002.

City personnel performs maintenance operations throughout the year. Please remove your debris/obstruction immediately so that maintenance operations may proceed on schedule.

In order to be good neighbors and good citizens, we hope that individuals consider the environmental impacts of their decisions.

