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WHEREAS, the Village of Harwood Heights (the “Village”) is an Illinois municipal corporation organized and operating pursuant to authority granted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the Village is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the Village may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs;

WHEREAS, the Village finds and determines that preserving and expanding the urban forest within the Village is within its government and affairs and improves the environment, aesthetics, and drainage throughout the Village and helps residents reduce energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “Corporate Authorities”) hereby find and determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to amend the Village Code as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1. The findings and recitals herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the Village and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Statement of Purpose. 12 (“Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places”), Chapter 12.20 (“Trees”), Section 12.20.040 (“Preservation, Planting, Trimming and Removal of Trees on Public Ways or Places”) of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances, shall be, and hereby is, amended as follows (additions **underlined in bold font**, deletions marked with **~~bold strikethrough~~**):

12.20.040 - Preservation, planting, trimming and removal of trees on public ways or places.

A. Preservation. The division of forestry shall promote the preservation and expansion of the urban forest within the village for the benefit of its residents and businesses.

B. Purpose. The Village of Harwood Heights recognizes that trees help to clean the air, intercept rain and reduce flooding, help residents to feel happier and healthier, promote the beauty of our village, etc. Trees absorb pollution from the air; absorb and sequester carbon dioxide; absorb and filter pollution from stormwater runoff; produce oxygen and help to reduce flooding.

Trees cool the surrounding area, and reduce energy consumption by shielding structures from harsh winds and sun. They are a buffer against noise, light and pollution. And, also provide a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

BC. Planting. All trees and shrubs on public ways or places may only be planted through the village tree program by the village or its agents. Residents may make requests for tree planting to the division of forestry. The division of forestry or its agents shall determine whether tree/shrub planting is appropriate. Resident costs shall be determined annually.

CD. Trimming. All trees or shrubs on public ways or places may only be trimmed by the village or its agents. Residents may make requests for trimming services through the public works

department. The village or its agents shall determine whether trimming is necessary. Any resident costs shall be determined on a case by case basis.

DE. Removal. The removal of any tree or shrub on public ways or places may only be done by the village or its agents. Residents may make requests for removal services through the public works department. The village or its agents shall determine whether removal is necessary or beneficial and if a replacement tree(s) is required. Resident costs shall be determined on a case by case basis.

SECTION 3. Amendment Establishing Approved Tree List. 12 (“Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places”), Chapter 12.20 (“Trees”), Section 12.20.060 (“Restrictions on the Planting of Vegetation in Public Parkways”) of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances, shall be, and hereby is, amended as follows (additions **underlined in bold font**, deletions marked with **~~bold strikethrough~~**):

12.20.060 - Restrictions on the planting of vegetation in public parkways.

A. The following species are defined as nuisance trees, and shall not be used for planting in public parkways: box elder, buckthorn, clump silver maple cottonwood, dwarf catalpa, poplar, russian olive, siberian elm, white mulberry and willow.

B. The planting of nondisease resistant varieties of elm trees in public parkways is prohibited. The forestry department must approve the variety of elm tree being considered for planting in a public parkway prior to its installation thereon.

C. No evergreen shrubs or trees shall be planted in a public parkway.

D. No shrubs exceeding three feet in height shall be planted in a public parkway.

E. Permissible tree species shall be as set forth in an Approved Tree List, as amended from time to time, which shall be available upon request at Village Hall.

SECTION 4. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SAVING CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance, which are hereby declared to be separable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

VOTES

AYES: Trustee Schuepfer, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

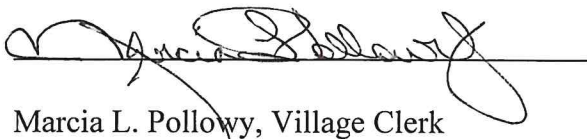
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Passed and Approved this 13th day of August, 2020.


Mayor Arlene Jezierny

ATTEST:


Marcia L. Pollovy, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

CERTIFICATION

I, Marcia L. Pollowy, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

I do further certify that the foregoing Ordinance 20-17 entitled:

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Is true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights at a meeting held on the 13th day of August, 2020.

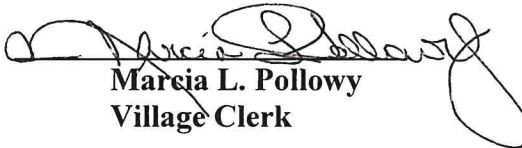
I do further certify that the original of which the foregoing is a true copy is entrusted to my care and safekeeping, and that I am keeper of the same.

I do further certify that I am the keeper of the records, ordinances, and resolutions of said Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my official hand and seal this 14th day of August, 2020.



Corporate Seal


Marcia L. Pollowy
Village Clerk