

**THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**

**ORDINANCE #2024-20**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the following entitled Ordinance was duly considered and adopted after public hearing by the Village Council of South Orange Village at their regular meeting held on November 25, 2024 during a virtual (call-in) meeting utilizing the Cisco WebEx Audio/Video Conferencing System:

**AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 334 – TREES AND SHRUBBERY IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 185 – LAND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE XVI – IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGN STANDARDS, SECTION 185-100 – SHADE TREES, LANDSCAPING AND PLANTING STRIPS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Master Plan acknowledges the value of and provides goals and objectives for the preservation of the Village tree canopy; and

**WHEREAS**, objective 2.3 of the Master Plan Quality of Life Element recommends the Village “Increase the Village’s tree canopy coverage”; and

**WHEREAS**, indiscriminate, uncontrolled and excess destruction, removal and cutting of trees upon lots and tracts of land within South Orange Village (the “Village”) will cause increased soil erosion and sedimentation, decreased fertility of the soil, degradation of water resources, increased buildup of atmospheric carbon dioxide and decreased oxygen regeneration, the establishment of a heat island effect, and increased dust and pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the singular or cumulative effect of any of the foregoing could adversely impact the character of the Village, decrease property values, render the land unfit and unsuitable for its most appropriate use, and negatively affect the health, safety and general welfare of the Village’s residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to regulate and control indiscriminate and excessive cutting of trees within the Village and to require appropriate tree replacement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Village Council of South Orange Village, a municipal corporation of New Jersey located in Essex County thereof, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Village Code Chapter 334 – Trees and Shrubbery is hereby deleted in its entirety

**SECTION 2.** Village Code Chapter 334 – Trees and Shrubbery is amended and restated

**SECTION 3.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVI – Improvements and Design Standards, Section 100 – Shade Trees, Landscaping and Planting Strips is hereby deleted in its entirety

**SECTION 4.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVI – Improvements and Design Standards, Section 100 – Shade Trees, Landscaping and Planting Strips is hereby amended and restated

**SECTION 5.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVIII –Design Criteria, Section 113 – Off-Street Parking Requirements, 185-113(F) is hereby amended and restated

**SECTION 6.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVIII –Design Criteria, Section 113 – Off-Street Parking Requirements, 185-113(O) is hereby deleted in its entirety

**SECTION 7.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVIII –Design Criteria, Section 117 – Landscaping Requirements is hereby deleted in its entirety

**SECTION 8.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVIII –Design Criteria, Section 117 – Landscaping Requirements is hereby amended and restated in its entirety

**SECTION 9.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVIII –Design Criteria, Section 118 – Buffer Requirements is hereby deleted in its entirety

**SECTION 10.** Village Code Chapter 185, Article XVIII –Design Criteria, Section 118 – Buffer Requirements is hereby amended and restated in its entirety

**SECTION 11.** Village Code Chapter 143 – Fees, Section 143-33 Trees and Shrubbery is hereby amended and restated as follows:

**143-33 Trees and Shrubbery**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Tree removal permit fee	§334-4(A)	\$100
Inspection fee for all sites requiring on-site verification	§334-4(A)	\$25

**SECTION 12.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 13.** This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**SECTION 14.** On passage this ordinance shall be codified.

Adopted: November 25, 2024

ATTEST:

Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk  
South Orange Village