

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY OF BERGEN
SUBDIVISION REVIEW RESOLUTION
TO REQUIRE TREE PLANTING

Ordinance No. 99-09

Date April 21, 1999

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Review Resolution was adopted July, 1970, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section B of the Subdivision Review Resolution provides that certain enumerated items of information must be shown on every preliminary plat submitted to the Bergen County Planning Board for review and/or approval; and

WHEREAS, Article IV of the Subdivision Review Resolution sets forth the design criteria that must be met for every subdivision of land under Bergen County Planning Board jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, currently the Subdivision Review Resolution makes no provision for the replacement of shade trees along County roads lost to development; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve Bergen County's suburban character, the need exists to incorporate tree planting criteria into all subdivision approvals granted by the Bergen County Planning Board requiring road improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Planning Board adopted Resolution #99-1 dated November 9, 1998 recommending amendment of the Subdivision Review Resolution to provide for shade tree replacement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, as follows:

1. Article III, Section B, Paragraph 1 of the Subdivision Review Resolution is hereby amended to read:

"1. The Plat shall show or be accompanied by profiles and cross-sections of proposed streets and highways abutting the subdivision. The typical cross-section of streets shall clearly indicate the type and width of pavement and location of curb, location of sidewalks, existing and proposed shade trees within the right-of-way (including diameter), and shade tree planting strips. At intersections with County roads the radius of curblines shall be clearly indicated."

2. Article IV, of the subdivision Review Resolution is hereby amended to add Section G., as follows:

"G. Trees

1. Every subdivision along a County roadway requiring the developer to make road improvements and/or drainage improvements within the right-of-way shall also require the developer to replace any tree

- removed with a new tree at a ratio of one new tree for every 6" diameter of tree removed.
2. The spacing of trees shall be every 30'-35' at a point at least 10' behind the curbline.
 3. All trees shall be supplied by reputable nurserymen and planted in accordance with the specifications for tree planting along County roadways, promulgated by the County Engineer.
 4. All trees shall be guaranteed for a period of one year from the date that all improvements are accepted as complete. Both the planting of and the one-year guarantee for trees shall be covered under the developer's performance security for the road and/or drainage improvements.
 5. Maintenance of new trees shall be the responsibility of the adjoining property owner unless provided by the municipality.
 6. All trees shall be 2 1/2"-3" caliper and of uniform specimen and quality.
 7. The selection of tree species shall be limited to the following list and shall be determined by the Subdivision Review Team in consideration of site conditions and in consultation with the local shade tree commission and/or the Bergen County Department of Parks:

ACCEPTABLE LIST OF TREES

<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>
<u>October Glory Red Maple</u>	<u>Acer Rubrum "October Glory"</u>
<u>Red Sunset Red Maple</u>	<u>Acer Rubrum "Red Sunset"</u>
<u>Katsura-tree</u>	<u>Cercidiphyllum Japonicum</u>
<u>Patmore Green Ash</u>	<u>Frazinus Pennsylvanica "Patmore"</u>
<u>Magyar Upright Maidenhair Tree</u>	<u>Ginko Biloba "Magyar"</u>
<u>Bloodgood London Planetree</u>	<u>Plantanus X Acerifolia "Bloodgood"</u>
<u>Redspire Callery Pear</u>	<u>Pyrus Calleryana "Redspire"</u>
<u>Japanese Pagoda Tree</u>	<u>Sophorc Japonica</u>
<u>Greenspire Littleleaf Linden</u>	<u>Tilia Cordata "Greenspire"</u>
<u>Princeton American Elm</u>	<u>Ulmus Americana "Princeton"</u>
<u>Green Vase Zelkova</u>	<u>Zelkova Serrata "Green Vase"</u>

3. The Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is directed to publish and distribute the within Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:41A-101.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after approval by the County Executive.

William P. Schuber
County Executive

Dated: 4/22/1999

Approved
 Rejected

Additions in text indicated by underline.