

NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION

TREE ORDINANCE

To preserve existing trees and replace damaged and dying trees for the enjoyment of future generations, the Tree Committee, with the Tree Warden, propose the following updated Tree Ordinance:

PURPOSE

It is the express purpose of this ordinance to effectively manage the Village trees and green spaces for the enjoyment of future generations. We will preserve existing trees and replace damaged and dying trees at the discretion of the Tree Warden, Tree Committee and Village Agent either at or near their existing location or a location determined to be better suited for their survival.

ADMINISTRATION

Trees on Village Property (public trees) shall be managed by the Tree Warden in consultation with the Tree Committee, Village Agent and the Village Board of Overseers.

The Tree Warden shall be appointed by the Board of Overseers and is charged with making decisions about the care and replacement of public trees.

The Tree Warden with the Tree Committee shall provide the Overseers a recommended annual "Tree" budget based on the current condition of public trees and needed remedies. This recommended budget will be reviewed by the Overseers and will be edited as needed for inclusion in the proposed NVC annual budget.

The Tree Warden shall provide a monthly report to the Board of Overseers.

TREE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

The Tree Warden shall consult with a Licensed Arborist and the Village Agent regarding the removal, pruning, cabling or other remedial treatment and replacement of any public tree.

Prior to planting a tree the Tree Warden will consult with any party or parties determined to be impacted by the location of that new tree. The final planting decision will be with the Tree committee and the Tree Warden with the Village Agent.

In a case where a tree may constitute a public hazard the tree should be reported to the Tree Warden. The Village Agent will determine if tree is on private or public land. If a hazardous

tree is located on private property, the Village Agent will work with the property owner for a remedy.

VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES

No person other than the Village Agent or a Licensed Arborist contracted by the Tree Warden shall prune, plant, cut down, remove, carve, transplant or top any tree on public land. No person shall attach any wire, nails, posters or other contrivances to any tree on public land unless approved by the Tree Warden in writing. No person shall allow any harmful substances, gaseous, liquid or solid to come in contact with the trees.

A written notice of violation of this Ordinance may be issued by any Village employee or Overseer and shall be enforceable by the Overseers. Any person issued a written notice of violation is entitled to a public hearing before the Board of Overseers. If, after a hearing, the Board of Overseers finds that notice of violation was properly issued, they shall impose civil penalties, including a replacement tree and fines ranging from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 to be paid to the Northport Village Corporation. The replacement value shall be determined in accordance with the current edition of Valuation of Landscape Tree, Shrubs and other Plants as published by the International Society of Arboriculture.

This Ordinance was approved by the Northport Village Corporation Board of Oversees at their meeting on July 14, 2019.