



BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD

Camden County, New Jersey

June 27, 2022

2022-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 56 "SHADE TREE COMMISSION" SECTION 56-10 "FEES; ASSESSMENTS; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES" SUBSECTION B AND SECTION 56-11 "BOROUGH TREE ESCROW FUND"

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Haddonfield (hereinafter "Borough") deems it appropriate, necessary, and proper to amend Chapter 56 "Shade Tree Commission" of the Borough Code;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Haddonfield in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 56, "Shade Tree Commission" Section 56-10 "Fees; Assessments; Violations and Penalties" Subsection B, of the Code of the Borough of Haddonfield, is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Tree replacement assessment. In addition to the penalties authorized by Subsection **A** of this section, any person who removes, causes actual or potential damage to, or otherwise destroys a tree in violation of this chapter shall pay a replacement assessment to the Borough. The tree replacement assessment shall be calculated consistent with N.J.S.A. 40:64-12b, not to exceed \$27 per square inch. The cross section shall be calculated from the diameter at breast height and, if there is a multiple-stem tree, then each trunk shall be measured and an average shall be determined for the tree. The range of tree replacement assessments are set forth in the Commission's standard operating procedures. Any assessment paid for potential damage to a tree will be held for a term of two (2) years, at which time a qualified professional will evaluate the tree to determine if damage was caused by prior actions. In the event no actual damage was done to the tree at issue, the violator will be entitled to a refund of the tree replacement assessment.

SECTION II

Chapter 56, "Shade Tree Commission" Section 56-11 "Borough Tree Escrow Fund", of the Code of the Borough of Haddonfield, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§56-11 Damaged Tree Replacement Fund

Tree replacement assessments shall be maintained in the Borough Developer Escrow account, which is separate from the General Fund. Such funds shall include any



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monies collected pursuant to §56-10B and 56-11 of this chapter. The Code Official shall inform the Borough Administrator when funds are to be refunded for undamaged trees pursuant to § **56-10B**. The governing body, with the advice of the Commission, shall authorize appropriations from the Fund.

SECTION III

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, as to this end the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

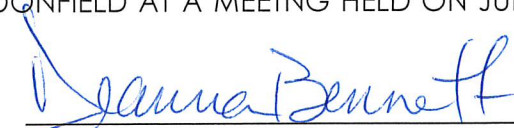
SECTION VI

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

First Reading – May 23, 2022
Second Reading – April 25, 2022

COMMISSIONERS:	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
ROCHE	X			
TROY	X			
BIANCO BEZICH	x			

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD AT A MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2022.



Deanna Bennett, RMC