

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-202

A motion was made by A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath that the following resolution be adopted:

**PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 493, ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 21(C) OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the property owner at 55 Oakridge Road, Block 2209, Lot 5, has requested a permit to remove a White-Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, with a diameter exceeding thirty-six (36) inches, said tree is defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Red-Oak tree is forty-three (43) inches in diameter at breast height (DBH); and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree has 50% canopy dieback and a large area of the stalk is decayed at the root flare; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 493, Article II, paragraph 21(C) of the Township Code states that removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester and Zoning Official have recommended in the attached memorandums that the trees be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona that the property owner is permitted to remove the extraordinary trees.

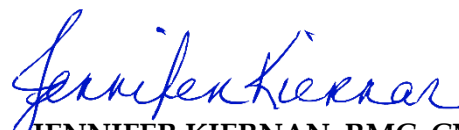
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall serve as the written authorization pursuant to Chapter 493, Article II, Paragraph 21(C).

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2025.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK



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MEMORANDUM

August 11, 2025

TO: Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk

FROM: Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official

RE: Extraordinary Tree Removal – 55 Oakridge Road, Block 2209, Lot 5

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of an extraordinary tree on the property known as **55 Oakridge Road, Block 2209, Lot 5**. The extraordinary tree is a 43 inch in diameter Red Oak tree. Attached please find the letter from the Township Forester, Greg Dujets, Dujets Tree Experts dated July 30, 2025 confirming the condition of the tree. The tree is reported as having a 50% canopy dieback. The canopy dieback refers to the progressive death of a tree's upper branches and foliage, starting from the tips and moving downwards. There is also a large area of the stalk that is decayed at the root flare. The recommendation is for removal.

Per § 493-18 An extraordinary tree is defined as any tree with a DPM of 36 inches or greater or any tree designated by the Township Council as an historic or landmark tree and such other trees or species of tree as the Council may, from time to time, designate as an extraordinary tree.

Per § 493-21 C. Extraordinary trees shall be maintained in a living condition, and it shall be unlawful for any person to harm or remove said tree without an approved tree removal permit. All reasonable efforts shall be made to preserve extraordinary trees, including, but not limited to, if feasible, relocation of infrastructure, roadways, and buildings. Removal of extraordinary trees shall be prohibited except upon the specific written recommendation of the Zoning Official after consultation of the Township Forester and approval by resolution of the Township Council.



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July 30, 2025

55 Oak Ridge Rd

The 43" DBH Red oak tree has 50% canopy dieback. There is also a large area of the stalk that is decayed at the root flare. The oak tree should be removed.

Thanks

Greg Dujets
NJ LTE #559