TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2025- 265

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland 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 Brentwood Avenue, Block 1008, Lot 3, has requested a permit to remove a Black Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding forty-five (45) inches, said tree is defined as extraordinary trees in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree's crown is declining as it is 50% dead and is therefore a hazard; 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 Zoning Official is in agreement with the Township Forester's recommendation as stated in the attached memorandum.

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

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 DECEMBER 1, 2025.

JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC

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COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

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MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2025

TO:

Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk

FROM:

Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official

RE:

Extraordinary Tree Removal – 55 Brentwood, Block 1008, Lot 3

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of an extraordinary tree on the property known as **55 Brentwood**, **Block 1008**, **Lot 3**. The extraordinary tree is a 45 inch in diameter Black Oak tree. Attached please find the letter from the Township Forester, Greg Dujets, Dujets Tree Experts dated November 20, 2025 confirming the condition of the tree as follows: The tree is located close to the house by the deck in the backyard has a declining crown. 50% of the crown is dead and is a hazard to the homeowner and neighbor's house. Removal is recommended. I concur with the Forester's assessment.

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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November 20, 2025

55 Brentwood Dr:

The 45" DBH black oak tree located close to the house by the deck in the backyard has a declining crown. 50% of the crown is dead and is a hazard to the homeowner and neighbor's house. Removal is recommended.

Thanks

Greg Dujets NJ LTE #559