

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025- 267

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 109 Oakridge Road, Block 2207, Lot 8, had requested a permit to remove an Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding forty-four (44) 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 he recommended the tree be removed immediately for extreme safety concerns as the stalk of the tree was largely decayed with conks growing up the stalk as well as leaning towards the home, causing an extremely hazardous condition; 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 due to the forester's concern, immediate removal of the tree was warranted.

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
MUNICIPAL CLERK



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MEMORANDUM

Amended: November 21, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: The Township Forester expanded on his decision via email on November 21, 2025 recommending that the tree be removed as soon as possible due to safety concerns. The recommendation was made that the tree be removed immediately and could not wait until the Council meeting. The concern for the safety of the residents and their properties prompted the approval prior to the Council meeting.

November 20, 2025

TO: Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk

FROM: Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official

RE: Extraordinary Tree Removal – 88 Durrell Street, Block 1309, Lot 9.01

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of an extraordinary tree on the property known as **88 Durrell Street, Block 1309, Lot 9.01**. The extraordinary tree is a 51 inch in diameter White 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. The crown of the tree is in poor condition. The tree is a hazard to the homeowner and neighboring properties. I am in agreement with this recommendation.

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

88 Durrell St;

The 51" DBH white oak tree located in the right rear of the backyard has a large amount of decay on the stalk. The roots have been removed on the neighbor's side of the tree causing the tree to be structurally compromised. The crown of the tree is in poor condition. The tree is a hazard to the homeowner and neighboring properties. Removal is recommended.

Thanks

Greg Dujets
NJ LTE #559