

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-290

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy 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 53 Wayland Drive, Block 609, Lot 41, had requested a permit to remove a Sycamore tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter exceeding forty (40) 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 is largely decayed and 50% of the crown is dead, 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: Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS: Holland, McGrath

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 15, 2025.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK



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MEMORANDUM

December 8, 2025

TO: Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk

FROM: Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official 

RE: Extraordinary Tree Removal – 53 Wayland Drive, Block 609, Lot 41

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of an extraordinary tree on the property known as **53 Wayland Drive, Block 609, Lot 41**. The extraordinary tree is a 40 inch in diameter Sycamore tree. Attached please find the letter from the Township Forester, Greg Dujets, Dujets Tree Experts dated December 4, 2025 confirming the condition of the tree as follows: visible decay on the stalk and the crown is 50% dead. The Sycamore has a hazardous lean toward the house and removal is recommended.

Tree removal is recommended. I concur with Mr. Dujets 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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December 4, 2025

53 Wayland Dr

The 40" DBH sycamore located in the front yard on the left side of the driveway has visible decay on the stalk and the crown is 50% dead. The sycamore has a hazardous lean toward the house and removal is recommended.

Thanks

Greg Dujets
LTE #559