

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

RESOLUTION No. 2026-004

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Mayor Tamburro 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 17 Sutton Place, Block 603, Lot 9, had requested a permit to remove a Pin Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of thirty-six (36) 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 has a very thin crown, the stalk has multiple cankers and about 15' of the stalk is decayed and is therefore a hazard to the homeowner and neighbor's house, recommending the tree be removed; 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 JANUARY 5, 2026.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK



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MEMORANDUM

December 29, 2025

TO: Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk

FROM: Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official 

RE: Extraordinary Tree Removal – 17 Sutton Place, Block 603, Lot 9

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of an extraordinary tree on the property known as **17 Sutton Place, Block 603, Lot 9**. The extraordinary tree is a 36 inch in diameter Pin Oak tree. Attached please find the letter from the Township Forester, Greg Dujets, Dujets Tree Experts dated December 22, 2025 confirming the condition of the tree as follows: *...the tree has a very thin crown. The stalk has multiple cankers and about 15' of the stalk is decayed. The oak tree is a hazard to the homeowner and neighbor's house. I recommend that the tree be removed.*

Tree removal is recommended. Reviewing the report and condition, 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 22, 2025

17 Sutton Place:

The 36" DBH Pin oak has a very thin crown. The stalk has multiple cankers and about 15' of the stalk is decayed. The oak tree is a hazard to the homeowner and neighbor's house. I recommend that the tree be removed.

Thanks


Greg Dujets
LTE #559