TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2026-226

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 44 Mountain Road, block 2208, lot 8, has requested a permit to remove a Red Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of thirty-nine inches (39") and is defined as an extraordinary tree in Chapter 493, Article II of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Forester has reported that the tree had its entire crown split off in the recent storm, splitting the limbs which will cause decay; 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 recommendations 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 39" Red Oak tree is warranted pursuant to Chapter 493 of the Township Code.

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: **Schor, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2026.

Jennifer Kiernan
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MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2026

TO: **Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk**

FROM: **Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official**

RE: **Extraordinary Tree - Removal – 44 Mountain Road; Block 2208; Lot 8**

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of one extraordinary trees on the property known as **44 Mountain Road; Block 2208; Lot 8**. The extraordinary tree is a 39 inch DBH Red Oak tree (DBH is the standard measurement of a tree's trunk diameter taken at 4.5 feet above ground level on the uphill side of the trunk). Attached please find the letter from the Township Forester, Greg Dujets, Dujets Tree Experts dated September 30, 2026 confirming the condition of the tree. The tree's entire crown split off in a storm of September 26th and 27th 2026. A large limb also broke and tore down the stalk. The way the limbs split, it will not allow the tree to compartmentalize the wounds, causing more decay. The tree is now a hazard, and I recommend that the tree be removed.

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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September 30, 2026

44 Mountain Rd

The 39" DBH Red oak tree in the front yard just had its entire crown split off in a storm. A large limb also broke and tore down the stalk. The way these limbs split, it will not allow the tree to compartmentalize the wounds, causing more decay. The tree is now a hazard, and I recommend that the tree be removed.

Thanks

Greg Dujets
NJ LTE #559