TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2026-238

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Schor 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 36 Valhalla Way, block 603, lot 1, has requested a permit to remove a White Oak tree located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the tree has a diameter of thirty-eight inches (38") 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 is located next to the driveway and is half dead and the entire crown is dead causing 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 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 38" White 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 19, 2026.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: **October 13, 2026**

TO: **Jennifer Kiernan, Township Clerk**

FROM: **Kathleen Miesch, Zoning Official**

RE: **Extraordinary Tree Removal – 36 Valhalla Way; Block 603, Lot 1**

Please accept this as a request for the Township Council to approve the removal of an extraordinary tree on the property known as **36 Valhalla Way Block 603, Lot 1.** The extraordinary tree is a **38" DBH white oak tree**. Attached please find the letter from the Township Forester, Greg Dujets, Dujets Tree Experts dated October 13, 2026. The tree is located on the left side of the driveway. The inspection found the tree to be half dead and the entire crown is dead. The tree is a hazard to the homeowner's property and should 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Miesch

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- 38" DBH Oak tree is half dead. The entire crown is dead. The Oak tree is a hazard to the home and should be removed.

Thanks

Greg Dujets
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