



# Please, for the sake of our Urban Forest

## Homeowners & Residents:

Please notify the Village Office if you plan on:

- **Trimming any branches on your property:** Homeowners are required to obtain a permit and diagram which tree, and tree species that your contracted tree service proposes be trimmed.
- **Removing any trees from your property:** Pursuant to Village Ordinance homeowners will need to file a permit with the Village office including a diagram and location of tree(s) proposed for removal, as well as the tree diameter, tree species, name of tree service and all contact information. The Village Tree Inspector will then give the final approval to remove any trees. Trees on Village property cannot be removed or trimmed by a resident, contractor or tree service hired by a resident.

### § 323-3 Violations and penalties; enforcement.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 90 days, or both. Enforcement of this chapter is authorized by any enforcement officer duly appointed by the Village. The removal or damage of each protected tree shall constitute a separate offense.

### § 323-4 Permit required for tree removal.

**A.** Requirement established. Subject to the exceptions enumerated in this chapter, no person shall remove, cause to be removed, transplant, damage or destroy on any land in the Village any protected tree without first obtaining a tree removal permit.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

**Emergency in the event of tree or limb failure:** No permit is required. However, council requests residents contact the Village Hall to immediately report any circumstance of this type. A Tree Inspector will visit the site to verify the situation and record tree species and diameter of the trunk.

### **THERE CURRENTLY IS NO FEE FOR A TREE PERMIT**

Land from White Ditch Creek north to the lakeshore is in a designated Critical Dune Area (CDA). Strict guidelines that we must follow regarding land use are set forth by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). This includes the removal and replanting of our valued trees.

EGLE requires that if any tree is removed from your property, another tree must be planted on your property. Please contact Village Hall for the list of approved species of native trees for replanting.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER**, any tree service or contractor you hire must register with the Village Office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village office: 269-469-4600.