

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

AN ORDINANCE OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 263, TREES OF THE RADNOR CODE, REVISING SECTION 263-4, THE TREE REPLACEMENT FORMULA; REVISING SECTION 263-5 BY REMOVING SUBSECTION D. AS TO ASH TREES; AND REVISING SECTION 263-8, REVIEW OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Chapter 263, Trees, Section 263-4 is amended, by revising the definition of Tree Replacement Formula as follows:

Tree Replacement Formula

- (1) Replacement of any tree removed or recommended to be removed by the Shade Tree Commission as follows:
 - (a) Clearing below 50% of the total trees on the lot:
 - 6 to 18 inch DBH removed = 1 replacement tree
 - 19 to 29 inch DBH removed = 3 replacement trees, two being large canopy trees
 - 30 inch DBH or greater removed = 6 replacement trees, four being large canopy trees
 - (b) Clearings at or above 50% of the total trees on the lot:
 - 6 to 18 inch DBH removed = 2 replacement trees
 - 19 to 29 inch DBH removed = 4 replacement trees, three being large canopy trees
 - 30 inch DBH or greater removed = 8 replacement trees, six being large canopy trees
- (2) Payment to the Commemorative Shade Tree Fund in lieu of planting is defined as follows:
 - (a) Residential zoned district: \$300 per replacement tree
 - Commercial zoned district: \$500 per replacement tree

- (3) All replacement trees shall have a minimum two to two and one-half-inch DBH.
- (4) See approved Township tree replacement list on Appendix A[1] for listing of species that should be used as replacement trees.

ARTICLE II.

Chapter 263, Trees, Section 263-5 is amended, by deleting Subsection D. (1) through (4) from this Section as to Ash trees.

ARTICLE III.

Chapter 263, Trees, Section 263-8 is amended. by revising Subsection A. (1) (a) as follows:

263-8 Review of permit application.

- A. Land development/subdivision. In addition to any applicable requirements of the Radnor Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, all applicants shall submit to the Shade Tree Commission the following information contemporaneously with the filing of the land development or subdivision plan:
 - (1) The applicant shall submit a plan illustrating:
 - (a) The size, species and location of all shade trees and street trees with a DBH of six inches or greater along with a table showing (1) the total number of trees on the lot, (2) the total number of trees being removed, and (3) the total number of trees identified as Hazardous.
 - (b) All trees to be removed designated with an X; and listed in report form with species, size and general point of location on property.
 - (c) Approximate location of trees listed in plan form with species, size, on adjoining properties that are located within 10 feet of the property line (said locations can be approximated from the subject property or via existing aerial photographic data).
 - (2) A planting plan shall also be required illustrating the size, species and location of trees to be planted in compliance with the tree replacement formula. The planting plan shall include a chart summarizing sizes and species of trees to be removed and trees to be planted.
 - (3) The plan(s) shall illustrate the location of protective tree preservation fence around trees to remain, including a detail of such. Additionally, the following measures must be addressed by the applicant and inspected by the

Township Engineer or Township Arborist prior to the start of work or issuance of the permit; protective tree preservation fence must be installed. All trees to be removed within the area of disturbance must be clearly marked at the base of each tree with visible, permanent forestry-type paint in the color of pink indicating the status of each tree. All trees to remain within the area of disturbance must be clearly marked at the base of each tree with forestry-grade flagging tape in green color.

ARTICLE IV Severability

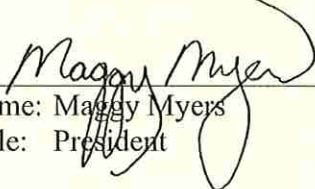
Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.


ARTICLE V. Effective date

This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Radnor Township.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14 day of October, 2024.

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: 
Name: Maggie Myers
Title: President

ATTEST: 
William White, Secretary