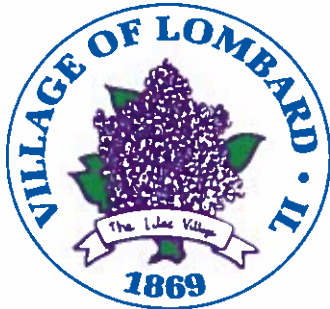


**ORDINANCE 7193
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ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 99 – STREET TREES



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Village Clerk

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THE LOMBARD VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO STREET TREES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That, effective April 1, 2016, Title 9, Chapter 99 of the Lombard Village Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I. – STREET TREES

§ 99.01 - Intent/disclaimer/definitions.

(A) *Intent.*

It is the intent of this Chapter to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare on public rights-of-way and other village-owned property by providing for the regulation of the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees, shrubs, and other plants within the Village of Lombard.

(B) *Disclaimer of liability.*

Nothing contained in this Code shall be deemed to impose any liability upon the village, its officers, agents or employees, nor to relieve the owner of any private property from the duty to keep any tree, shrub or plant upon any area abutting his property or under his control in such condition as to prevent it from constituting a hazard or an impediment to travel or vision upon any street, alley or public place within the village.

(C) *Definitions.*

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Acceptable tree species—A species of tree suitable for planting along streets and not listed in § 99.06 of this Code.

Arboricultural standards manual—ANSI Z-133.1 Standards: American National Standards Institute safety standards for tree care operations and ANSI A300: American National Standards Institute standard practices for tree care operations.

Arborist—One who is versed in the art and science of arboriculture, including tree surgery, the prevention and cure of tree diseases and the control of insect pests.

Caliper—The diameter of a tree measured at six inches above the finished grade at the base of the tree; used primarily for nursery stock.

Certified arborist—A professional who is certified through the International Society of Arboriculture as possessing the technical competence through experience and related training

to provide for or supervise the maintenance of trees and other woody plants in the residential, commercial and public landscape.

Clear vision triangle—A triangular area on a corner lot measured thirty feet from the intersection of the lot lines bordering the public streets.

Contractor—A person, company or organization employed to supply the necessary skills and services in trimming, removing, cabling and maintenance of trees and shrubs.

County—DuPage County, Illinois.

Easement—That area of private property in relation to which another entity (public utility/governmental body) has the right to use said area for limited purposes such as access, drainage or utility distribution.

Emerald ash borer (EAB) - (*Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire) A destructive, non-native insect pest that attacks ash trees.

Evergreen—Those trees and shrubs, including broad-leaf and conifer evergreens that maintain their leaves year-round.

Forestry supervisor—A full time Lombard Public Works employee trained and skilled in the theory and practice of municipal arboriculture, and who, if possible, shall hold a college degree or its equivalent in arboriculture, horticulture, urban forestry or another closely related field. This employee shall possess an International Society of Arboriculture's arborist certification and shall maintain the certification during his/her term of employment. This employee shall also possess an Illinois Department of Agriculture Pesticide Applicator's license.

Forestry technician—A full time Lombard Public Works employee performing all aspects of tree care. This employee shall possess an International Society of Arboriculture's arborist certification and shall maintain the certification during his/her term of employment. This employee shall also possess an Illinois Department of Agriculture Pesticide Operator's license.

Hazardous tree—Any tree deemed a public hazard by the village's Forestry Supervisor or Forestry Technician. The hazardous tree may present possible or potential physical damage to person or property or biological danger to adjacent trees through transmittable disease or insect infestation.

Low-growing tree—Those trees that attain a mature height of 25 feet or less.

Maintenance—The pruning, mulching, watering, cabling/bracing, fertilization, and pest management practices necessary for plant/tree/shrub growth.

Medium-growing tree—Those trees that attain a mature height of more than 25 feet but less than 45 feet.

Minimal distance—The closest distance a tree can be planted in relation to a given object.

Mulch—A layer of wood chips or other material placed on the surface of the soil around plants/trees/shrubs to retain moisture, prevent weed growth and protect against damage from lawn mowers or weed whips.

Overhead utility—Any street light, telephone, communications, cable TV, primary or secondary electrical distribution line that is above ground.

Parkway—That part of a street right-of-way not covered by sidewalk, curb, gutter or pavement, lying between the property line and that portion of the street used for vehicular traffic.

Parkway tree—Any tree on the street right-of-way.

Person—Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind except for a public utility.

Private tree—Any tree located on private property. *Prohibited tree species*—Those tree species that, because of their undesirable traits, are prohibited from being planted on the village right-of-way (see § 99.06 of this Code).

Property line—The outer edge of a street or highway right-of-way.

Property owner—The person or persons owning a parcel of real property as shown by the DuPage County Recorder of Deeds office.

Public hazard—A tree that is unsafe due to a structural defect and constitutes a threat of injury to persons or damage to property.

Public nuisance—Any tree or shrub which, by reason of its condition, interferes with the use of any public place; is infected with an injurious plant disease; is infested with an injurious insect or other pest; is detrimental to the construction of public improvements; or endangers the life, health, safety or welfare of the public or its property.

Public place—That part of every street or alley between the lot line and curb and from property line to property line, and any other land owned or controlled by the village.

Public tree—Any tree located on property belonging to or under the jurisdiction of the village.

Public utility—Any utility company authorized by Illinois State Statute or village franchise agreement to operate within the village.

Pruning—The removal of specific branches (living or dead) from a tree to improve its structure, its health and/or to maintain safety while allowing for natural growth of the tree.

Right-of-way—A strip of land over which the village has the right by ownership or dedication to construct a public street, sidewalk, or use for public utilities.

Shrub—A woody plant, smaller than a tree, consisting of several small stems from the ground or small branches near the ground.

Spacing requirements—All trees planted along the streets shall conform to the spacing requirements stated in subsection 99.04(C) of this Code.

Street tree—See Parkway tree.

Tall-growing tree—Those trees that attain a mature height of 45 feet or more.

Topping—The severe cutting back of branches of a tree to a stub, bud, or a lateral branch not large enough to assume the terminal role to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree.

Traffic control device—Any traffic signal, regulatory or warning sign erected in accordance with the Manual of Traffic Control Devices.

Trimming—See pruning. *Village*—The geographically area lying within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois.

§ 99.02 - Authority of village manager.

- (A) The Village Manager shall have exclusive jurisdiction and supervision over all trees, shrubs, other plants, and grassy areas planted or growing in public places.
- (B) The Village Manager shall have the authority and it shall be his duty to order to plant, trim, spray, preserve, and remove trees, other plants, and grassy areas in public places to insure safety or preserve the symmetry and beauty of such public places.
- (C) The Village Manager shall have the authority and it shall be his duty to order the trimming, preservation, or removal of trees or plants upon private property when he shall find such action necessary to public safety or to prevent the spread of disease or insects to public trees and places.
- (D) Control of Dutch Elm Disease and Emerald Ash Borer.
 - (1) Any elm tree infected with Dutch Elm Disease or any ash tree infested with the Emerald Ash Borer as determined by the Village of Lombard Forestry Division personnel is a public nuisance and shall be removed within 30 days following notification of such infection or infestation. It is unlawful for any person, being the owner of the property whereon such tree is situated, to possess or keep such a tree after the expiration of the 30-day period following notification of the infection on their property.
 - (2) Elm trees and ash trees or parts thereof in a dead or dying condition that serve as a breeding place for the Elm Bark Beetle (*Hylurgopinus rufipes* or *Scolytus multistriatus*) or the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis fairmaire*) are a public nuisance and it is unlawful for the person owning such property whereon the same is situated to possess or keep same in such condition more than 30 days following notification of the condition on their property.
 - (3) The Village Manager or his designee to enforce this division may enter upon private property at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting trees thereon, and may cause to be removed such specimens as are required for the purpose of analysis to determine whether or not the same is infected or infested, and to cause to be removed such diseased trees upon failure of the owner to do so after due notification.
 - (4) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to prevent the Village Manager or his designee entering on private property for purposes of carrying out his duties hereunder or to interfere with such Village Manager or his designee in the lawful performance of his duties.
 - (5) In accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-20-12, in cases where the property owner fails to remove the elm tree or elmwood or ash tree as required by this Chapter, the Village Manager or his agents may go upon such property to cut down and remove such nuisance, and the owner shall be assessed the cost of removal. In cases where the owner is a nonresident of Lombard, notice shall be served by certified mail, addressed to said owner at his last known address.

- (6) In accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-20-12, whenever such charges shall remain unpaid for a period of 30 days from the date of the bill herein provided for, the Village Attorney is authorized to:
- (a) Institute suit in the name of the village to enforce collection of such charge; or
 - (b) To file a sworn statement showing such obligation in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the County; and the filing of such statement shall be deemed notice of the lien for payment of such charges.
- (E) The Village Manager or his designee shall have the authority and it shall be his duty to supervise all work done under a permit issued in accordance with the terms of this Chapter.
- (F) The Village Manager or his designee shall have the authority to affix reasonable conditions to the grant of a permit hereunder.

§ 99.03 - Permits required.

- (A) No person or public utility shall spray, move, trim, prune, cut, remove, disturb, alter, or do surgery to public trees or other plants in public places without first filing an application and procuring a permit from the Village Manager.
- (1) The application required herein shall state the name and kind of trees to be sprayed, moved, trimmed, pruned, cut, removed, disturbed, altered, or put under surgery; the kind of treatment to be administered; and such other information as the Village Manager shall find reasonably necessary to fair determination of whether a permit should be issued hereunder.
 - (2) The Village Manager shall issue the permit provided for herein when he finds that the desired action or treatment is necessary and that the proposed method and workmanship are satisfactory.
 - (3) Only contractors that have signed a compliance agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture may trim/remove ash trees or remove ash logs/brush from the Village of Lombard.
- (B) No permit shall be required to cultivate, fertilize, or water public trees or shrubs.
- (C) As a condition to any permit to remove any public tree or shrub, the Village Manager may require that the permittee plant one or more trees or shrubs to replace the one removed. Whenever any such tree or shrub has been removed or destroyed pursuant to any such conditional permit, it shall be a misdemeanor for the permittee to fail, refuse, or neglect to plant another tree or shrub or other trees or shrubs of the type, size, and at the location specified in the permit, within the time specified by the Village Manager from the date of issuance of the permit.
- (D) No person or public utility shall plant or set out any tree or plant in a public place without first filing an application and procuring a permit from the Village Manager or his designee.
- (1) The application required herein shall state the number of trees or plants to be planted or set out; the location, grade, and variety of each tree or plant; the method of planting, including the supplying of suitable soil; and such other information as the Village Manager shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination of whether a permit should be issued hereunder.

- (2) The Village Manager shall issue the permit provided for herein when he finds that the proposed plantings are not listed in § 99.06 of this Code.
- (E) Whenever a permit is issued under this section to a public utility to spray, move, trim, prune, cut, remove, disturb, alter, or do surgery in any public tree or shrub, the Village Manager shall limit the work to be done to the actual necessities of the utility and may assign an inspector to supervise the work done under the provisions of the permit.

§ 99.04 - Planting standards.

- (A) Trees when planted shall have a minimum diameter of two inches at a distance of six inches above the ground and shall have a continuous single trunk. All trees shall be free from deformity and indication of undesirable growth characteristics.
- (B) Trees when planted shall be free of infectious disease or insect infestation.
- (C) Trees shall be planted on the centerline of the parkways or in line with the existing row of trees. No trees may be planted on parkways less than four feet wide. Planting of trees in situations which meet requirements of this Chapter will be prohibited if such planting will interfere with existing utilities.
- (D) No tree shall be placed so as to cause a traffic hazard or within the clear vision triangle.
- (E) Spacing of trees shall be as follows unless otherwise approved by the Village Manager. Street trees will be planted:
 - (1) At a minimum distance of 35 feet between trees for tree categorized as large or medium growing. A minimum distance of 25 feet between trees shall be required for trees categorized as small or narrow growing.
 - (2) A minimum distance of ten feet from driveway aprons.
 - (3) A minimum distance of five feet from water/sewer service lines.
 - (4) A minimum distance of 15 feet from crosswalks.
 - (5) A minimum distance of 15 feet from street light poles and utility poles.
 - (6) A minimum distance of ten feet from fire hydrants.
 - (7) A minimum distance of 15 feet from any traffic control device, not including signs.
- (F) No tree shall be planted where the soil is too poor to ensure the growth of such tree.
- (G) Trees required for new developments shall be planted by the village at the owner's cost of \$350.00 each. However, the owner will be responsible to plant any required trees in a State of Illinois or DuPage County right-of-way.
- (H) Only low growing trees shall be planted under overhead utility lines.
- (I) Only narrow or columnar growing trees shall be planted in the village's downtown area tree pits to minimize interference with roadways, sidewalks and buildings.
- (J) No tree will be allowed to be planted in a parkway less than four feet in width.

§ 99.05 - Injury to trees and shrubs prohibited.

No person shall, without a written permit from the Village Manager or his designee, in the case of a public tree or shrub do, or cause to be done by others, any of the following acts:

- (A) Secure, fasten, or run any rope, wire, sign, unprotected electrical installation, or other device or material to, around or through a tree or shrub;
- (B) Cut (including the root system), break, injure, mutilate, deface, kill, destroy, or permit any fire to burn where it will injure any trees or shrub;
- (C) Permit any toxic chemical, gas, smoke, salt brine, oil, or other injurious substance to seep, drain, or be emptied upon or about any tree or shrub;
- (D) Erect, alter, repair, or raze any building or structure without placing suitable guard around all nearby public trees or shrubs which may be injured by such operations;
- (E) Knowingly permit any unprotected electric service wire to come in prolonged contact with any public tree or shrub;
- (F) Remove any guard, stake, or other device or material intended for the protection of a public tree or shrub, or close or obstruct any open space about the base of a public tree or shrub designed to permit access of air, water, and fertilizer.
- (G) Trim or remove any limbs in a manner that does not conform to § 99.10 of this Code.
- (H) Use of any unnatural pruning techniques (stubbing, dehorning or lopping).

§ 99.06 - Prohibited trees.

It is unlawful to plant any of the following trees in the public parkway:

Common Name	Botanical Name
Fir	Abies (All species)
Box Elder	Acer negundo
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum
Tree of Heaven	Ailanthus glandulosa
Catalpa	Catalpa (all species)
Hawthorn	Crataegus (varieties with thorns)
Russian or Autumn Olive	Elaeagnus (all species)

Ginkgo	Ginkgo (female varieties)
Walnut	Juglans (all species)
Juniper	Juniperus (all species)
Ash	Fraxinus (all species)
Osage Orange	Maclura pomifera
Mulberry	Morus (all species)
Spruce	Picea (all species)
Pine	Pinus (all species)
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
Poplar	Populus (all species)
Black Cherry	Prunus serotina
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii
Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana 'Bradford'
Buckthorn	Rhamnus (all species)
Sumac	Rhus (all species)
Black Locust	Roninia Pseudoacacia
Willow	Salix (all species)
Yew	Taxus (all species)
Arborvitae	Thuja (all species)
Hemlock	Tsuga (all species)

Siberian Elm	Ulmus pumila
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ARTICLE II. - TRIMMING STANDARDS

§ 99.10 - Standards.

All street trees shall be trimmed in accordance with the Arbicultural Standards manual.

The trimming of street trees will only be accomplished by Village of Lombard employees, those licensed tree care companies contracted by the village to perform such work, or a public utility operating under a permit pursuant to § 99.03 of this Code.

Wherever possible, all street trees will be pruned as follows:

- (A) Remove all lower limbs to a minimum height of 14 feet on the roadway and driveway sides of the tree, 8 feet over the sidewalk and parkway and balance the overall tree structure.
- (B) Remove all deadwood with a diameter of one half inch or greater.
- (C) Remove all dying or diseased limbs.
- (D) Remove limbs that are crossing or rubbing.
- (E) Remove all broken and/or weakly attached limbs.
- (F) Remove all root suckers.
- (G) Remove all water sprouts up to the first major limb.
- (H) Remove all visible girdling roots.
- (I) All final cuts shall be collar cuts made sufficiently close to the trunk or parent limb, without cutting into the branch collar or leaving a protruding stub, so that closure can readily begin under normal conditions.
- (J) Clean cuts shall be made at all times without leaving any stubs.
- (K) All limbs to be removed shall be cut in such a manner so as to prevent any ripping or tearing of the wood or bark on the parent or remaining stem.
- (L) All limbs to be removed shall be brought to the ground in such a manner as to prevent any damage to real or personal property, publicly or privately owned.
- (M) Proper tools for pruning shall be used for each cut, with the blades of each tool, including hand pruners, pole saws, hand saws, and chain saws being placed on each branch to obtain the proper pruning cut.
- (N) Pruning shall be done in a way that will not to cut, rip, or harm adjacent bark areas.
- (O) No tree topping shall be allowed.

- (P) No person working in trees shall use shoes with spikes, or any other footwear which will, in the opinion of the Village Forester, injure the tree being pruned.
- (Q) At no time shall any person working in trees for pruning purposes, wear spurs or climbing irons.
- (R) At least one individual on the job site must have a valid and current arborist certification from the International Society of Arboriculture.
- (S) No American elm (*Ulmus Americana*) shall be trimmed between April 15th and October 15th of each year unless to remove an immediate hazard.

§ 99.11 - Application.

This Chapter shall apply to the following classes of persons and corporations:

- (A) Village employees, and parties or contractors employed by the village for such purpose.
- (B) Subdividers, particularly when they are performing under the requirements of other local ordinances.
- (C) Condominiums.
- (D) All private persons, whether acting voluntarily and independently of village direction or request, or not.
- (E) Public Utilities

§ 99.12 - Forfeitures.

In the event any of the persons enumerated in § 99.11 or corporations or legal entities have posted a performance or subdivision completion bond, as may be required by other local ordinance, and have violated this subchapter, the Director of Public Works may, upon the appropriate resolution of the Board of Trustees, retain such monies as may be necessary to correct and repair any violations by such person, corporation, or legal entity, until such violation has been corrected and repaired to the satisfaction of the said Director of Public Works. Such correction and repair may include, but shall not be limited to, replacement of trees improperly pruned or trimmed, in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

ARTICLE III. - TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

§ 99.20 - Created.

The Board of Trustees hereby creates and sets up an annual tree planting program for new trees and tree replacement. The trees are to be placed in the village right-of-way at village-determined locations with no fees charged to the adjacent property owner.

§ 99.21 - Purchase of trees by village.

The village shall on an annual or bi-annual basis contract to purchase trees to be placed in village right-of-way in front or on the side of homes, businesses, and the like within the corporate limits of the village.

§ 99.22 - Property owner participation.

Village property owners may participate in the program on a first come, first serve basis, and request the placement of a tree in the village right-of-way in front of their property. The village shall determine the location and placement of the trees.

§ 99.23 - Fees.

Village property owners participating in the program shall be charged a flat fee of \$350.00 for each tree requested. Multiple requests shall be granted only after all single requests have been supplied. Said fee must be paid upon application for a tree.

§ 99.24 - Removal of unauthorized plantings.

The village may remove any unauthorized plantings within any public place without compensation to the owner.

ARTICLE IV. - FRONT YARD TREE PROGRAM

§ 99.30 - Program definition.

In certain areas, chosen by the village, where the right-of-way is too narrow to sustain a tree, but where the village determines a tree is needed for village beautification purposes, the village, if the property owner executes a participation agreement provided by the village, shall, without cost to the property owner, plant a tree in the front yard of private property, maintain the tree for one year after planting and after one year from the date of planting turn the title over to the property owner so that continued care and maintenance of the tree shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

§ 99.40 - Tree removal.

Street trees shall be removed when removal is considered necessary by the village's Forestry Supervisor for reasons of tree health and public safety. Prior to such removal, notice will be mailed to the resident of the abutting private property stating the reason for the removal. In the event of an emergency, village staff has the authority to remove any street tree without notice when considered necessary for public safety. In regard to any such street tree removal:

- (1) All stumps will be ground to a depth of at least 12 inches below existing grade. Stump grindings will be removed, replaced with topsoil and restored with seed.
- (2) Any street tree that is removed will be replaced in the next available planting season providing there is sufficient spacing, available trees and sufficient funding. More than one replacement tree possibly being planted provided there is sufficient spacing to do so.

§ 99.99 - Penalty.

Any person, firm, corporation or public utility who is found to be in violation of any provision of this Chapter 99 shall be fined not less than \$50.00, nor more than \$750.00, with each day any such violation exists constituting a separate and distinct violation, and each tree impacted in violation of this Chapter 99 resulting in a separate and distinct violation.

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on from and after its adoption, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on first reading this ____ day of February, 2016.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this 18th day of February, 2016.

Passed on second reading this 18th day of February, 2016.

Ayes: Trustee Whittington, Fugiel, Foltyniewicz, Johnston, Pike and Ware

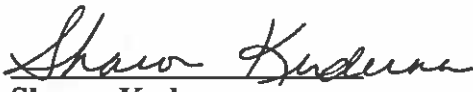
Nays: None

Absent: None


Approved this 18th day of February, 2016.


Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

ATTEST:


Sharon Kuderna
Village Clerk

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Sharon Kuderna
Village Clerk