

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #1262-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 173 ENTITLED “TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Part II: General Legislation, Chapter 173 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park establishes regulations regarding trees removal and replacement within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to clarify exemptions and procedures related to the removal of hazardous or dead trees; and

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

PART II: GENERAL LEGISLATION

Chapter 173. Tree Removal and Replacement

Sec. 173-4. Exemptions

The current § 173-4 (G) which states “*Hazard trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement*” is hereby repealed and replaced with the following subsections:

G. Removal of hazardous or dead trees shall be subject to permit fees only. There shall be no replacement fee requirement.

H. The DPW Superintendent shall have the authority to contest the determination of a hazardous or dead tree as claimed by a licensed tree expert. Final determination shall be made by the Township Arborist.

Severability. All provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final approval and publication, pursuant to law, and upon completion of all outstanding cases.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #1262-26, was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of Rochelle Park, held on March 11, 2026 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on March 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM, in the Township of Rochelle Park Municipal Building, at which time all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such Ordinance.

By order of the Mayor and Township Committee
Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

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