

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
ORDINANCE 2023-011**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 3.10 AND 3.11 OF THE  
VERNON HILLS VILLAGE CODE FOR APPROVED TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Vernon Hills, County of Lake, State of Illinois (Village) is a duly organized and existing municipality and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village regularly reviews and updated the Municipal Code to ensure protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, protection of property values and neighborhood integrity, avoiding the creation of nuisances, and insuring the continued safe and sanitary use of property within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has determined that it is necessary to amend Appendix B, Article II, Sections 3.10 and 3.11 of the Code that addresses the allowable tree species to be planted within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees, having determined that the requested amendment is in the best interest of the Village of Vernon Hills and hereby adopts this ordinance amending the Vernon Hills Village Code pursuant to its authority to establish reasonable regulations pertaining to development regulations within the Village of Vernon Hills.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION** The above recitals are hereby incorporated into and made part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. CODE AMENDMENT** Appendix B, Development Regulations, of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances, Article II – Tree Preservation and Landscaping, Sections 3.10, Monotony and 3.11 Prohibited Plants are hereby removed in their entirety and replaced with:

3.10. *Monotony*. To help ensure diverse and enduring landscapes, the quantity proposed of each of the following shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of plants in each category. Requirements under this section shall apply to all final landscape plans for each category in which a total of five or more plants is specified.

### Deciduous Shade Trees

|                              |                         |
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|                              |                         |
| <i>Acer freemanii</i>        | Freeman maple cultivars |
| <i>Acer platanoides</i>      | Norway maple            |
| <i>Acer rubrum</i>           | Red maple               |
| <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> | Honeylocust             |
| <i>Quercus palustris</i>     | Pin oak                 |
| <i>Tilia cordata</i>         | Littleleaf linden       |

### Deciduous Ornamental Trees

|                        |                     |
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|                        |                     |
| <i>Acer ginnala</i>    | Amur maple          |
| <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> | European alder      |
| <i>Malus spp.</i>      | Flowering crabapple |

### Deciduous Shrubs

|                            |                   |
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|                            |                   |
| <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> | Japanese barberry |
| <i>Forsythia spp.</i>      | Forsythia         |
| <i>Ligustrum spp.</i>      | Privet            |
| <i>Potentilla spp.</i>     | Potentilla        |
| <i>Ribes alpinum.</i>      | Alpine Currant    |
| <i>Spiraea spp.</i>        | Spiraea           |
| <i>Syringa spp.</i>        | Lilac             |

### Evergreen Trees

|                       |                      |
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|                       |                      |
| <i>Abies concolor</i> | White fir            |
| <i>Picea abies</i>    | Norway spruce        |
| <i>Picea pungens</i>  | Colorado blue spruce |

### Evergreen Shrubs

|                                 |            |
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|                                 |            |
| <i>Juniperus chinensis spp.</i> | Juniper    |
| <i>Taxus spp.</i>               | Yew        |
| <i>Thuja spp.</i>               | Arborvitae |

### Perennials and Groundcovers

|                          |               |
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|                          |               |
| <i>Euonymus fortunei</i> | Wintercreeper |
| <i>Hemerocallis spp.</i> | Daylily       |

For the purposes of this requirement, cultivars and varieties of plant material listed above are included.

3.11. *Prohibited plants.* The following landscape plants shall not be specified on landscape plans approved by the village:

|                               |                                  |
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| <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>    | Tree of Heaven                   |
| <i>Acer saccharinum</i>       | Silver maple                     |
| <i>Coronilla varia</i>        | Crown vetch                      |
| <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> | Russian olive                    |
| <i>E. umbellata</i>           | Autumn olive                     |
| <i>Euonymus alatus</i>        | Burning Bush                     |
| <i>Fraxinus spp.</i>          | Ash                              |
| <i>Lonicera spp.</i>          | Honeysuckle (non-native species) |
| <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>   | Reed canary grass                |
| <i>Pyrus calleryana</i>       | Flowering pear                   |
| <i>Rhamnus spp.</i>           | Buckthorn (non-native species)   |
| <i>Ulmus pumila</i>           | Siberian Elm                     |

Hybrids with the above species and cultivars selected from the above species are also prohibited. Other plants are prohibited by the regulations of state and/or federal agencies, including but not limited to, the Illinois Noxious Weed Law and Illinois Exotic Weed Act.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect. If any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid in any one or more of its several applications, all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications shall remain in effect.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL AND SAVINGS CLAUSE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Vernon Hills prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**SECTION 6. ORDINANCE NUMBER.** This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2024-011.

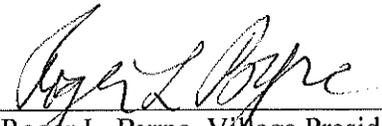
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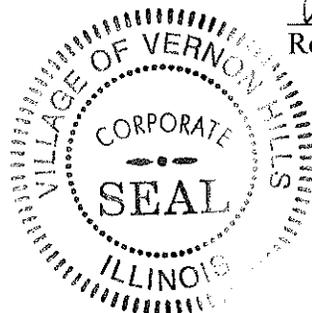
Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

AYES: 6 – Takaoka, Oppenheim, Forster, Marquardt, Koch, Byrne

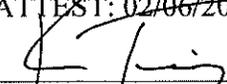
NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schenk

  
 Roger L. Byrne, Village President



PASSED: 02/06/2024  
 APPROVED: 02/06/2024  
 ATTEST: 02/06/2024

  
 Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

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THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

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President and Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois, this  
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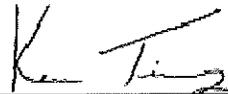
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE )

CERTIFICATE

I, KEVIN TIMONY, CERTIFY THAT I AM THE DULY APPOINTED AND ACTING VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024, THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY PASSED AND APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 3.10 AND 3.11 OF THE VERNON HILLS VILLAGE CODE FOR APPROVED TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

THE PAMPHLET FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011 INCLUDING THE ORDINANCE AND A COVER SHEET THEREOF, WAS PREPARED, AND A COPY DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AND CONTINUING FOR AT LEAST TEN DAYS THEREAFTER. COPIES OF SUCH ORDINANCE WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK.

DATED IN VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS, THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

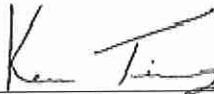
  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE         )

I, KEVIN TIMONY, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 3.10 AND 3.11 OF THE VERNON HILLS VILLAGE CODE FOR APPROVED TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 16, 2024.

  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

  
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Notary Public

