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ORDINANCE 2023-O-11

REQUIRING TREE PRESERVATION PLANS TO BE INCLUDED WITH PRELIMINARY PLATS BY CREATING SECTION 24-4(G) OF FITCHBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES

The Common Council of the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin ordains as follows:

Section 1 –Section 24-4(g) of the Fitchburg General Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read:

Sec. 24-4(g) Tree preservation plan. The City has an interest in preserving and maintaining desirable trees, which are defined as tree specimens belonging to the following tree species: white oak (*Quercus alba*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*), black oak (*Quercus velutina*), bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), chinkapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*), pin oak (*Quercus palustris*), northern pin oak (*Quercus ellipsoidalis*), swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*) hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) white pine (*Pinus strobus*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*), and American basswood (*Tilia americana*) and have stems with a diameter that meets or exceeds six (6) inches measured at 4.5 ft. (1.37 m) from the ground on the uphill side. Subdivider shall provide a tree preservation plan for review by the plan commission and city staff, including the city forester. The tree preservation plan shall describe the strategy for preserving desirable trees, and shall including the following:

- (1) The name and address of property owner and subdivider.
- (2) Delineation of the buildings, structures, or impervious surfaces situated thereon or contemplated to be built thereon.
- (3) Delineation of all areas to be graded and limits of land disturbance.
- (4) Size, species, and location of all desirable trees located within the area to be developed, surveyed by a certified arborist or an individual with similar training and experience. Where conditions warrant generalization of the tree inventory due to density, such as a wooded site, the city will accept a plan where information is collected on randomly selected trees to obtain overall condition, size, and species characteristics of the area.
- (5) Location of all desirable trees on all individual lots.
- (6) Measures to protect desirable trees in accordance with the city of Fitchburg Tree Protection Guidelines.
- (7) Identification of all desirable trees proposed on the plan to be removed within the construction area.
- (8) Name, qualifications, and signature of person or persons preparing the plan.

Section 2 – This ordinance shall take effect the day after its publication.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2023.

Julia Arata-Fratta, Mayor

Tracy Oldenburg, City Clerk

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