**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH, COUNTY OF GLOOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO CHAPTER 143 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”**

**2013-\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 143 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich imposes certain responsibilities upon homeowners as to the maintenance of their property; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee has deemed it necessary to add certain responsibilities related to the trimming of trees planted adjacent to sidewalks and roads to enable the safe travel of pedestrians and the safe operation and parking of vehicles;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, that Chapter 143 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich be and is hereby amended to add the following section:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT**

**§143-5L is hereby added as follows:**

All trees or shrubs planted on private property that stand along public sidewalks and public streets, the branches of which extend over any part of a public sidewalk or a public street, shall be trimmed by the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises that directly fronts upon that part of the sidewalk or street along which the trees or shrubs stand. Such owner, occupant or tenant shall keep the branches and limbs of such trees or shrubs trimmed and cut so that no limb or branch shall overhang the public sidewalk or the public street at a height of less than 8 feet above ground level.

**SECTION 2. VALIDITY**

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, sentence or other portion of this ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. INCONSISTENCY**

Any and all Ordinances previously adopted that are inconsistent in whole or in part with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

 TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

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 Samuel Maccarone Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Jane DiBella, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013. It will further be considered for final adoption upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be conducted on such Ordinance, at the next scheduled meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee at which time and place any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013 at the Woolwich Township Municipal Building, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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 Jane DiBella, Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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 Jane DiBella, Clerk