

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AMENDING CHAPTER 143 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" SPECIFICALLY SECTION 4.1 "MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY" TO ADDRESS THE MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL STREET TREES AND SIDEWALKS  
2023-22**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 143 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich entitled "Property Maintenance" specifically Section 4.1 entitled "Maintenance of Residential and Non-Residential Property" which sets forth the duties and responsibilities of owners as to property maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend said Ordinance to extend those responsibilities of private residential homeowners to maintain the street trees between curb and sidewalk fronting said residence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance currently reads:

4.1 Sidewalks damaged by roots of a Township-owned or- supplied tree must be repaired within 30 days of notification by the Township designated official.

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to amend Section 4.1B.6 to read as follows:

41. All trees and shrubs planted on private property that stands along public sidewalks and streets, the branches of which extend over any part of a public sidewalk or public street, shall be trimmed and maintained by the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises that directly fronts upon that portion 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 sidewalks and/or streets, nor interfere with sight at a height of less than (8) eight feet above ground level.

In addition, sidewalk damaged by the roots of a tree planted between curb and sidewalk along residential streets, must be repaired within thirty (30) days of notification by the Township designated official.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich as follows:

**Section I      Amendment**

Chapter 143, Section 4.1B.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.1B.6. All trees and shrubs planted on private property that stands along public sidewalks and streets, the branches of which extend over any part of a public sidewalk or public street, shall be trimmed and maintained by the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises that directly

fronts upon that portion 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 sidewalks and/or streets, nor interfere with sight at a height of less than (8) eight feet above ground level.

In addition, sidewalk damaged by the roots of a tree planted between curb and sidewalk, must be repaired by the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises that directly fronts upon that portion of the sidewalk within thirty (30) days of notification by the Township designated official.

**SECTION II REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION III EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane DiBella, Clerk

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Craig Frederick, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing ordinance was introduced upon first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2023. It will be further considered for final adoption upon a second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be held on such ordinance at a meeting of the Township Committee at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be conducted on the 7th day of August, 2023 at the Woolwich Township Municipal Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Township, New Jersey, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Jane DiBella, Township Clerk

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Woolwich Township Committee at a meeting held on the 7th day of August, 2023.

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Jane DiBella, Township Clerk