

CITY OF COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

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AND BUFFERING OF TITLE 17 (ZONING)
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS AS IT RELATES TO TREE
PRESERVATION STANDARDS**

ADOPTED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2026

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WHEREAS, the City of Collinsville, Illinois, a home rule municipality (hereinafter the “City”), has enacted Municipal Code regulations for the purpose of improving and protecting the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLINSVILLE as follows:

Section 1. Section 17.080.040. Landscape plan required of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Collinsville, Illinois, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 17.080.040.C.

“6. *Tree survey.* A tree survey shall identify all trees six (6) inch caliper or larger measured at diameter breast height (DBH), tree diameter measured at four and one-half (4.5) feet above the ground, with species, size and condition listed in table format, meeting the requirements of the City's Infrastructure Design Manual.

7. *Tree preservation plan.* The tree preservation plan shall show all existing trees and wooded areas to be preserved, all trees to be removed and replacement trees.”

Section 2. Section 17.080.050. Tree preservation of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Collinsville, Illinois, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“Sec. 17.080.050. Tree preservation plan.

A. A premium will be placed on the preservation of the natural tree cover and other unique characteristics of the landscape. The intent of this section is to maintain a sense of natural amenity, which will distinguish Collinsville as a unique and attractive setting for business. It will also preserve the intrinsic environmental values and continuity of mature,

native tree cover as wildlife habitat and as protection against erosion and contamination by runoff to streams on the site.

B. Any grading permit per Chapter 18.04, site development plan, plat or permit, requiring the disturbance or removal of trees, shall incorporate all feasible methods and approaches to preserve all existing trees and wooded areas outside the minimum building and site development area or within residential tree preservation areas. The following standards shall apply:

1. A tree survey and tree preservation plan shall be prepared meeting the requirements of Section 1.050.02. of the City's Infrastructure Design Manual and tree replacement standards of Section. 17.080.070.
2. Additionally, existing vegetative cover including native trees, shrubs, forbs, sedges, groundcovers, grasses, and other flora shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible during development. Such existing vegetation provides important wildlife habitat, erosion control, and visual buffers within the landscape.
3. The removal of trees or other vegetation within an existing underground utility easement as a part of either the maintenance or improvement of the utility line shall not be included in the mitigation plan.”

Section 3. Section 17.080.070. Tree replacement or mitigation of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Collinsville, Illinois, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:
“Sec. 17.080.070. Tree replacement or mitigation.

The replacement of trees removed shall be based on their total caliper inches. Each caliper inch removed or damaged from outside the building and site development area or from the residential tree preservation area shall be replaced according to the following conditions.

- A. *Replacement on site.* For every inch of tree caliper measured six (6) inches above the ground, removed or damaged, that is of a condition fair or better as assessed by a professional arborist, the applicant shall install a replacement tree or trees measuring an equal caliper on site.
- B. Replacement trees shall follow Table 1; Minimum plant material size at installation and shall be no less quality species than the tree removed with preference to native species to the region.

- C. The total mitigation requirement shall not exceed three hundred (300) caliper inches per acre.
- D. *Alternative method to determining replacement.* The City may determine the total caliper inches to be replaced based on an evaluation of resource quality prepared by a qualified arborist or professional having recognized expertise in conducting a tree survey. Said evaluation shall include identification of species, caliper, condition (vigor, density, pests, extent of decay), crown integrity and spread.
- E. *Replacement of trees without a site development plan.* Any trees removed from a property through a grading permit without an approved site development plan shall be replaced at three hundred (300) caliper inches per acre.
- F. *Removal of trees prior to an approved grading permit, site development plan or plat.* Any trees which have been removed from a property within twelve (12) months prior to application for a grading permit or site development plan or plat from the Community Development Department shall be deemed of fair or better condition and replaced at three hundred (300) caliper inches per acre, unless previous conditions can be documented by certified arborist.
- G. *City Tree Fund.* In instances where insufficient site space or other limiting factors prevents the replanting of required replacement trees, a monetary payment may be made to the City's Tree Fun in lieu of planting at a rate of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per caliper inch of required tree replacement not planted."

Section 4. In the event any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any Court, in whole or in part, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance or any remaining part of this Ordinance, other than the part held unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. All ordinances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies.

Section 6. Nothing contained herein shall in any manner be deemed or construed to alter, modify, supersede, supplant, or otherwise nullify any other ordinance of the City or the requirements thereof whether or not relating to or in any manner connected with the subject matter hereof, unless expressly set forth herein.

Section 7. This Ordinance is effective upon its passage by the City Council, approval by the Mayor, and publication according to law.

PASSED by the City Council and Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____ 2026.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Approved: _____

APPROVED: _____

JEFF STEHMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

KIM WASSER, CITY CLERK

RECORDED: _____ 2026.