

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 02 - 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD SUBDIVISION CODE  
REGARDING LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF  
RINGWOOD THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024

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Subdivision Code Regarding Landscaping Requirements

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE  
OF RINGWOOD, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 604.7, *Signs*, of Article 6, *Design and Construction of Roads and Roadside  
Drainage Facilities*, of the Village of Ringwood Subdivision Ordinance is hereby amended to add  
the underlined text:

604.7 Signs: The subdivider shall furnish and erect all necessary signs, including street  
signs, as designated by the Village Engineer and Village Board. Subdivision entry signs  
shall be constructed of stone or brick by the Subdivider and approved as part of the  
landscaping plan prepared and submitted by the Subdivider to the Village for the  
subdivision. All signs shall be of a type approved by the Village Engineer and Village  
Board.

SECTION 2: Section 604.10, *Landscaping*, of Article 6, *Design and Construction of Roads and  
Roadside Drainage Facilities*, of the Village of Ringwood Subdivision Ordinance is amended so  
as to add the underlined text and delete the stricken through text as follows

604.10 Landscaping: At the time a proposed Final Plat of Subdivision is filed with the  
Clerk, the subdivider shall also submit a fully detailed landscape plan (having a scale of  
1" = 10') for the Plan Commission review and Village Board of Trustees' approval. The  
plan shall show range of plant sizes, type, location and quantities of plants to be used in  
each planting group, as well as material, contours, elevations, drainage provisions and all  
pertinent site and architectural information (e.g. roads, intersections, buildings and  
existing trees and/or shrubbery and any existing fence lines).

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The Subdivider shall stagger and mix trees both in species and sizes. (Ranges of size: Shrubbery 24 to 36 inches in height; deciduous trees with a minimum 3-inch caliper and at least 10 feet in height; conifer trees shall have a minimum height of 5 feet; ground cover shall be 1-gallon size and shall be planted so that complete coverage is obtained after one growing season.)

The Subdivider shall show existing trees on the landscape plan and shall protect existing hardwood trees (oak, hickory, maple, etc.) during construction.

Street trees, parks and entry sign landscaping shall be installed by the Subdivider within 12 months following the installation of the binder coat of asphalt for the subdivision roads. The Subdivider shall be responsible for completing the approved landscaping plan throughout the entire subdivision regardless as to whether such landscaping is to be installed on an individual lot, outlot or common property.

In addition to tree plantings along road frontages and intersections, the subdivider shall landscape the following: active parks, passive parks and any and all open space, bike and walking paths and greenways. Landscaping for these areas shall be included on the landscape plan.

The Subdivider shall plant the appropriate wetland plants in all detention and retention ponds that will retain water for any length of time but that will not support turf grass. The Village Engineer will make recommendations to the subdivider, Plan Commission and Village Board of Trustees for the best type of wetland plants to be used in the proposed pond.

The subdivider shall maintain all open spaces and right-of-ways (cut grass, prune trees and bushes, water as needed, etc.) until all of the landscaping has been fully established and has been accepted by the Village Board of Trustees. The subdivider shall replace all dying and dead plants and trees prior to the Village acceptance of the completed and implemented landscape plan. The landscape plan shall comply with the requirements of Appendix I list of theme plants for guidelines, as well as with the required planting instructions for trees, shrubs, groundcover, etc. These plant materials have been selected because of their traditional influence in Illinois and their desirable characteristics for the entire community.

SECTION 3: Section 604.11, *Landscaping*, of Article 6, *Design and Construction of Roads and Roadside Drainage Facilities*, of the Village of Ringwood Subdivision Ordinance is amended so as to add the underlined text and delete the stricken through text as follows

604.11 Landscaping: Prior to the acceptance of streets in a subdivision, all road frontages shall be planted with native trees of a hardy variety (oak, hickory, hard maple) that can withstand a street side environment. The trees, at the time of planting, shall have a trunk diameter of no less than three (3) inches. A minimum of one (1) tree per every twenty-five (25) feet shall be required. However, this does not mean that the trees must be planted twenty-five (25) feet on center. The trees shall be planted within the yard adjacent to the

said street right-of- way lines and not within any easement prohibiting plantings. The planting of the following species of trees on the road frontages is hereby prohibited:

Acer negundo	Box Elder
A. saccharinum	Silver Maple
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of Heaven
Betula spp.	Birch
Catalpa speciosa	Catalpa
Elaeagnus spp.	Russian Olive
Ginko biloba (female)	Female Ginkgo
Macluna pomifera	Osage Orange
Malus pumila	Apple
Morus spp.	Mulberry
Populus spp.	Cottonwood, Poplar, Aspen

SECTION 4: Appendix I, *Theme Plants Suggested for Ringwood Guidelines*, of the Village of Ringwood Subdivision Ordinance is amended to add the following to the list:

Acer miyabei 'Morton '	State Street Miyabe Maple
Acer nigrum	Black Maple
Acer x freemanii	Autumn Blaze Maple
Aesculus x carnea 'Briotti'	Red Horsechestnut
Aesculus flava	Yellow Buckeye
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry
Corylus colurna	Turkish Filbert
Fagus sylvatica	European Beech
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffee Tree
Magnolia x loebneir 'Merrill'	Merrill Magnolia
Malus	Flowering Crabapple
Metasequoia glyptostroboides	Dawn Redwood
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum (Sourgum)
Ostrya virginiana	American Hophornbeam (Ironwood)
Picea pungens	Colorado Green Spruce (screening only)
Picea omorika	Serbian Spruce
Quercus bicolor	Swamp White Oak
Quercus ellipsoidalis	Northern Pin Oak
Quercus muehlenbergii	Chinkapin Oak
Quercus rubra	Red Oak
Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress
Thuja plicata	Western Arborvitae
Tilia tomentosa	Silver Linden

SECTION 5: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such

judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form (which publication is hereby authorized) as provided by law.

PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

AYES: Meyer, Morgan, Robel, Herdus.

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Reinwall, Mescek

NOT VOTING: None

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Richard E. Mack  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Susan M. Keener  
VILLAGE CLERK