

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 12-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (BUILDING CODE AND BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD

ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD on this 18th day of December, 2025.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 (Building Code and Building Regulations) of the Village of Ringwood Village Code shall be amended as follows (with additional text identified as underlined):

Section 3-10

- e) Lighting shall be designed so that there is no light spillage (0. foot candles at all property lines)
- f) Lighting shall be black and in conformance with attached detail
- g) All exterior lighting shall be fully shielded
- h) All exterior lighting shall be in full compliance with the requirements identified in Exhibit A to this Section.

Section 302.3

303.3.3 All parking facilities required by any Ordinance shall be completed prior to occupancy of the use served

303.3.4 Parking surfaces and parking lot access drives shall not be more than six (6) inches below the base flood elevation

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303.3.6 A new access point, expanded access point, or changes in use require an access permit from the applicable township highway commissioner, McHenry County Division of Transportation, or Illinois Department of Transportation, as applicable. No building permits will be issued until all applicable access permits have been obtained.

303.3.7 Paved parking facilities of fifteen (15) or more spaces shall delineate parking spaces with paint or other permanent materials, which shall be maintained in clearly visible condition.

303.3.8 When a parking lot is not located on the same site as the use served, a pedestrian pathway must be provided when located on the same side of the street or a pedestrian crosswalk when located across the street.

303.3.9 Curbed and landscaped parking lot islands are required for every 20 parking spaces and at the end of every row of parking. Each island shall be 10 feet wide and include one mature tree and other landscaping

303.3.10 All parking and landscaping areas shall be in compliance with the attached Exhibits A and B to this Section.

SECTION 2. The Village of Ringwood Subdivision Control Ordinance shall be amended as follows (with additional text identified as underlined):

Section 605:

E: All light poles and fixtures shall be black in color

Section 604.12

604.12 A landscaping plan is required and shall be maintained throughout the life of a development. The landscaping plan is required to reflect a diverse species of trees. The landscaping plan shall also include bushes, shrubs, decorative grasses, and flowers. Attached as Exhibit A is the list of approved and prohibited trees.

Curbed and landscaped parking lot islands are required. Each island shall be 10 feet wide,, to support a mature tree and other landscaping.

Fencing shall be submitted to the Village Board via site plan for approval and must comply with the current Village of Ringwood fence ordinance

All landscaping plans shall be in compliance with Exhibit A to this Section.

SECTION 3. 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 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

CERTIFICATION

I, Elaine Fung, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, acting and qualified Clerk of the Village of Ringwood, McHenry County, Illinois, and that as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the records and minutes and proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Ringwood.

I do further certify that at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ringwood, held on the 18th day of December, 2025, the foregoing Ordinance entitled *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (BUILDING CODE AND BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD*, as duly passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ringwood.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2025-¹²⁻¹⁷__, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was available in the Village Hall, commencing on the 18th day of December, 2025, and will continue for at least 10 days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance are also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Village Clerk.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Clerk of said Village for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the same.

Given under my hand and seal of the Village of Ringwood this 18th day of December, 2025.



(SEAL)

Elaine Fung

Elaine Fung, Village Clerk

Village of Ringwood,

McHenry County, Illinois

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days following its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form (which publication is hereby authorized) as provided by law.

Passed this 18th day of December, 2025, by a roll call vote as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Missy Robel	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Trustee Tim Meseck	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trustee Karen Morgan	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trustee Jason Meyer	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trustee Gary Reinwall	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Trustee Katie Herdus	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
President Rick Mack	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF December, 2025

Richard E. Mack
Village President Rick Mack

(SEAL)

ATTEST: Elaine Fung
Village Clerk Elaine Fung

Published: December 18, 2025

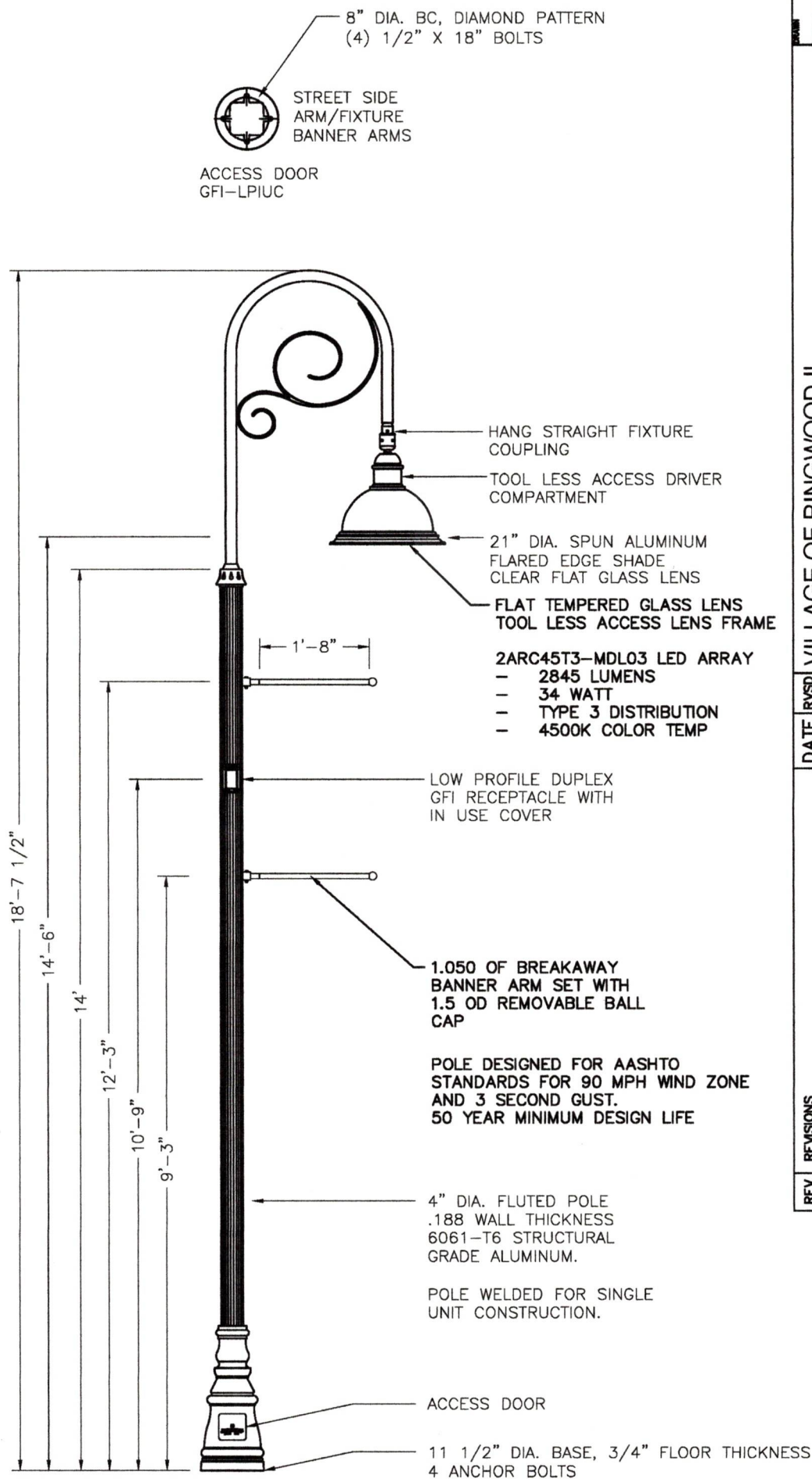
Exhibit A
Section 3-10

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD IL

OUTDOOR LIGHTING CHECKLIST

See Village Building and Code Ordinance Section 3-10 & Subdivision Ordinance Section 605.
EX AND PROP ZONING DISTRICT TO BE PROVIDED ON PLAN WITH ADJACENT ZONING DISTRICTS.

Outdoor Lighting	Review 1	Review 2
3-10 It shall be unlawful and a nuisance for any person to permit or cause any outdoor luminary or lighting system to create excessive glare or light levels as to be dangerous to the public or result in annoyance or discomfort to the public or adjacent land uses		
3-10 Outdoor luminaries or lighting systems that direct illumination or rays of light beyond any lot line are prohibited.		
3-10 All nonexempt outdoor lighting fixtures shall have shielding as required by the table set forth in Section 6. "Fully shielded" means outdoor light fixtures shielded or constructed so that no light rays are emitted by the installed fixture at angles above the horizontal plane as certified by photometric test report. "Partially shielded" means outdoor light fixtures shielding or constructed so that no more than ten percent of the light rays are emitted by the installed fixture at angles above the horizontal plane as certified by photometric test report. Low pressure sodium, fluorescent, incandescent any light source of 50W or less, glass tubes with neon, argon or krypton, and LED lamp types shall be FULLY SHIELDED. High Pressure Sodium lamp types are prohibited except on public streets. Metal Halide and Quartz lamp types are prohibited.		
Lighting shall be designed so that there is no light spillage (0 foot candles at all property lines)		
Lighting shall be black and in conformance with attached detail.		
All exterior lighting shall be fully shielded.		
Street Lighting	Review 1	Review 2
605 The subdivider shall provide street lighting for the public streets in a proposed subdivision which meets ComEd Rate 23 or 25 criteria and otherwise is acceptable to ComEd to operate and maintain. See attached specifications.		
605 Street lighting facilities shall be provided at all street intersections and where conditions merit in the opinion of the Village Board of Trustees.		
605 The street lighting facilities in residential subdivisions shall be one of the following styles selected by the Subdivider: 1. Black pole with acorn style LED fixture, which meets 23 or 25 criteria and otherwise is acceptable to ComEd to operate and maintain. Any deviation from this standard will be at the recommendation and approval of the Village engineer and Village Board of Trustees. 2. LED fixtures that qualify as dark sky friendly based on the BUG rating determined by the IESNA shall be provided in place of high pressure sodium lights indicated above upon the recommendation and approval of the Village Engineer. See attached detail.		
605 The height, type, and light level of the lighting facilities provided in nonresidential subdivisions shall be as recommended by the Village Engineer. These lighting facilities are subject to the approval of Village Board of Trustees.		
Light pole and fixture shall be black.		



REV	REVISIONS	DATE	RVSD	VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD IL		ISSUED	SCALE
A	ORIGINAL			1A-1521LED-F-2ARC45T3-MDL03-FG-EZ/OQR/3614FP4.188-GFILPIUC-BDBA6/BK			
				TYPE: ORNAMENTAL LIGHT UNIT WITH BANNER			
				SternbergLighting		POLE HEIGHTS HAVE A TOLERANCE OF ± 1/8"	
				ESTABLISHED 1920 (BAND OFF CENTER)		DRAWING NUMBER	

Section 303.3
Exhibit A

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD IL

OFF STREET PARKING CHECKLIST

See Village Zoning Ordinance Article Four Section 405 (X = Provided) ZONING DISTRICT TO BE PROVIDED ON PLAN.

Requirement	Review 1	Review 2
405.3 (1) a) In residential districts, parking facilities shall be located on the same or contiguous lot or lots with the building they are required to serve. (b) In all business districts, parking facilities must be located within 400 feet of the building they are required to serve, (c) In industrial districts, parking facilities shall be located within 600 feet of the building they are required to		
405.3(2) Enclosed buildings and carports containing offstreet parking shall be subject to applicable yard and setback requirements.		
405.3 (3) Unroofed parking space(s) may be located in the required front yard. However, not more than fifty (50) percent of the area of the required front yard may be developed as parking space and an unobstructed space of at least fifty (50) feet shall be left along the lot line.		
405.3(4) Unroofed parking space may be located in required side or rear yard, but only if an unobstructed space of at least ten (10) feet is left along the lot line.		
405.3(5) No parking space(s) shall be permitted between the property line and the curb line or edge of the pavement.		
405.5(1) (a)The parking area shall be graded for proper drainage and provided with an improved surface such as blacktop or concrete, and maintained in such manner as to be free of dust, trash and debris. (b) The volume of stormwater run-off shall be controlled so as not to exceed that which existed in the natural state. (c) The maximum rate of discharge shall be related to the carrying capacity of the existing drainage features without distress to adjacent properties. The design of stormwater control systems shall comply with the Ringwood Stormwater Management Ordinance.(d) Velocity of discharge shall be limited to 2.0 feet per second at the point of departure from the site unless discharge is into storm sewerage or to an armored channel. All energy dissipation and attenuation of velocity shall be accomplished on the site being developed.		
405.5 (2) Screening of parking lots shall be provided as required in the screening section of the Zoning Ordinance (Article 3 Section 308). Any lights used to illuminate such parking lots shall be black and so arranged and fully shaded so as to reflect lighting down. The attached detail shall be used for parking lot lighting.		
405.5 (4) The parking area shall be designed with the appropriate means of vehicular access to a street or alley in such a manner as to minimize interference with traffic movement. It shall be provided with entrances and exits not less than twelve (12) feet in width and not more than twenty-five (25) feet in width.		
405.5 (5 & 6) For any use which requires twenty (20) or more parking spaces, space and facilities shall be provided for the parking of bicycles and one space designed, reserved and designated for a motorcycle shall be provided for each twenty automobile spaces. However, the total motorcycle spaces need not exceed five (5). Motorcycle parking spaces shall have minimum dimensions of 4' x 7' and shall not be counted as parking spaces.		

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405.5 (7) All off-street parking areas shall provide parking spaces designed and reserved for handicapped persons as follows: One (1) space per each twenty five (25) spaces for the first one hundred (100) spaces with a minimum of one (1) space required; one (1) space per fifty (50) spaces for the next one hundred (100) spaces; and one (1) space for one hundred (100) spaces for all																										
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VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD IL

SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING CHECKLIST

See Village Zoning Ordinance Article 3 Section 308 and Article 4 Section 405 and Subdivision Ordinance Section 604
EX AND PROP ZONING DISTRICT TO BE PROVIDED ON PLAN WITH ADJACENT ZONING DISTRICTS.

Screening Standards	Review 1	Review 2
308 Screening shall be designed, planted or construction, and maintained in accordances with the following general guidelines: 1. Permanent screening during all seasons is required of Industrial, Business and Office District uses in the folloeing instances: a. A screen is required for an INdustrial and/or Ag Business use when it is adjoining a Residential, Rural Residential, Estate, Business or Office District. b. A screen is required for a Business use wehn it adjoins a residential, rural residentialail, Estate or Office District. c. A screen is required for Office use when it adjoins a residential, rural residential of Estate District. d. A screen is required for parking areas fronting any road or non-vehicular pathway.		
308.2 No screening shall interfere with sight requirements for safe ingress and egress. A "Vision Triangle" shall be maintained at all intersections: The Vision Triangle includes all land within the area bounded by the intersection of the centerlines of rights-of-way and both points 100 feet from that intersection. Screening within the Vision Triangle shall not exceed three feet in height above the center line of the street(s)		
308.3 One (1) of the following screening types or a combination of the following screening types shall be used: a. A dense compact screen of plantings to attain the dimensions specified within a two (2) year time span. b. A solid fence {less than fifty percent (50%) view through the fence} to be maintained at the dimensions specified. c. A ground contoured earthen berm to be maintained at the dimensions specified.		
308.4 Vegetation and grassed earthen berms should be used whenever possible		
308.5 Earthen berms shall have a side slope not less than four (4) feet horizontal distance for each one (1) foot of vertical distance.		
308.6 Except in the Vision Triangle, screening shall be six (6) feet in height, excluding vegetation growth.		
308.7 If a combination of vegetation and other screening is to be used, the vegetation shall be placed on the outside perimeter of the fencing.		
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Landscaping Standards	Review 1	Review 2
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604.10 The Subdivider shall show existing trees on the landscape plan and shall protect existing hardwood trees (oak, hickory, maple, etc.) during construction.		
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RINGWOOD, IL

APPENDIX __

GUIDE FOR LANDSCAPING - RECOMMENDED TREES

Updated Dec 5, 2025

TYPE A

PARKWAY/CANOPY TREES

2.5" caliper minimum planting size

<i>Acer miyabei</i> *	Miyabe Maple
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple
<i>Acer rubrum</i> *	Red Maple
<i>Acer saccharum</i> *	Sugar Maple
<i>Acer x freemanii</i> *	Freeman Maple
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> *	Hackberry
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo (male only)
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i>	Thornless Honeylocust
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> *	London Planetree
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery Pear
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Chinkapin Oak
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak
<i>Tilia americana</i> *	American Linden
<i>Tilia cordata</i> *	Littleleaf Linden
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i> *	Silver Linden
<i>Tilia x flavescens</i> 'Glenleven'*	Glenleven Linden
<i>Ulmus</i> , spp.* **	Elm

TYPE B

OTHER CANOPY TREES

2.5" caliper minimum planting size

<i>Aesculus flava</i> *	Yellow Buckeye
<i>Aesculus glabra</i> *	Ohio Buckeye
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> *	Horsechestnut
<i>Carya ovata</i> *	Shagbark Hickory
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> *	American Beech
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> *	European Beech
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> *	Dawn Redwood
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> *	Sycamore
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak
<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>	Northern Pin Oak
<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	Shingle Oak
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Baldcypress

TYPE C
UNDERSTORY TREES
 6' height minimum planting size

<i>Acer campestre</i>	Hedge Maple
<i>Acer tataricum</i> *	Tatarian Maple
<i>Acer tataricum</i> subsp. <i>ginnala</i> *	Amur Maple
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i> *	Black Alder
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Serviceberry
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny Serviceberry
<i>Amelanchier</i> x <i>grandiflora</i>	Apple Serviceberry
<i>Betula nigra</i> *	River Birch
<i>Betula platyphylla</i> var. <i>jap.</i> 'Whitespire' *	Japanese Whitespire Birch
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> *	American Hornbeam
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonica</i> *	Katsuratree
<i>Cercis canadensis</i> *	Eastern Redbud
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i> *	Pagoda Dogwood
<i>Cornus mas</i> *	Corneliancherry Dogwood
<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i> var. <i>inermis</i> *	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> *	Washington Hawthorn
<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter King'*	Winter King Hawthorn
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star Magnolia
<i>Magnolia</i> x <i>loebneri</i>	Magnolia
<i>Malus</i> * ***	Crabapple
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> *	Ironwood
<i>Syringa pekinensis</i> *	Peking Lilac
<i>Syringa reticulata</i> *	Japanese Tree Lilac

TYPE D
EVERGREEN TREES
 6' height minimum planting size

<i>Abies concolor</i> *	White Fir
<i>Larix decidua</i> *	European Larch
<i>Picea abies</i> *	Norway Spruce
<i>Picea glauca</i> *	White Spruce
<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Densata'*	Black Hills Spruce
<i>Picea omorika</i> *	Serbian Spruce
<i>Picea pungens</i> *	Colorado Spruce
<i>Picea pungens</i> f. <i>glauca</i> *	Blue Colorado Spruce
<i>Pinus flexilis</i> *	Limber Pine
<i>Pinus strobus</i> *	White Pine
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> *	Douglass Fir
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> , spp.*	Eastern Arborvitae

* All trees have varying degrees of salt tolerance. Those marked with the asterisk are species that are sensitive to salt, and which should not be planted in locations that will be exposed to larger amounts of road salt, such as major residential streets or interior parking lot islands/snow storage areas.

**Elms must be disease resistant varieties only.

***Crabapples must be disease, fireblight, rust, and scab resistant species. Species with larger or heavier fruiting shall not be used in close proximity to walkways, roadways, parking lots or other locations where fruit litter will be a nuisance.

TYPE E
NUISANCE TREES - PROHIBITED

Acer negundo	Boxelder
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple
Alianthus altissima	Tree of Heaven
Catalpa speciosa	Northern Catalpa
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian Olive
Fraxinus, spp.	Ash (all varieties)
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo (female)
Juglans nigra	Black walnut
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tuliptree
Maculra pomifera	Osage Orange
Morus alba	White Mulberry
Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine
Populus alba	White Poplar
Populus deltoides	Cottonwood
Pruns, spp.	Cherry
Rhamnus cathartica	Common Buckthorn
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust
Salix, spp.	Willow
Ulmus pumila	Siberian Elm

The plants used to fulfill the requirements of the Village's Landscaping Ordinance shall be selected from the list above. Only parkway/canopy trees shall be used in the parkways. Exceptions will only be made in the event of overhead utility wires, in which case smaller understory trees are preferred. All trees listed are suited to landscaping along buffers, berms, detention areas, open space, etc.

This list of recommendations is not all inclusive. There are plants, as well as cultivars of the above listed species, that can be used and will be allowed as determined by the Village reviewer reviewing the submitted landscape plans and approved by the Village Board/Village President.

Trees, shrubs, perennials and groundcovers shall be hardy to the project location, disease resistant, tolerant of specific site conditions and well-suited to any space constraints.

GUIDE FOR LANDSCAPING – PROTECTION OF EXISTING TREES

To better ensure the survival of existing trees, the developer should follow standard horticultural and construction practices in the area for the protection of existing trees. The following guidelines are a minimum summary of those practices.

1. Protect trees with temporary six foot (6') high fencing (either orange snow fencing or chain link) during the entire construction period. The fence should enclose an area that corresponds with the dripline of the tree canopy or one foot (1') in radius for every inch of DBH (diameter at breast height), whichever is greater. Fencing shall be installed prior to the start of construction.
2. Avoid compacting the soil around existing trees with heavy equipment and grading. Do not pile dirt or construction materials or waste beneath the crown of the tree. Crushed limestone or other materials that are detrimental to tree health shall not be stored within the crown of the tree. No vehicular parking should occur under tree canopies during construction.
3. Keep fires and sources of extreme heat away from existing trees.
4. Repair damaged roots and branches immediately. Exposed roots should be covered with topsoil. Severed limbs and roots should be painted. Whenever roots are destroyed, a proportional amount of branches should be pruned so the tree does not transpire more water than it takes in. Injured trees must be thoroughly watered and fertilized during the next year.