BOROUGH OF LEONIA
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Date: **July 1, 2024**   **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-173**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Hesterbrink	✓		✓			
Fisher						✓
Grandelis						✓
Scarangella		✓	✓			
Terrell			✓			
Zeigler			✓			
Mayor Ziegler	- - -	- - -				

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE REPLACEMENT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMOVAL OF HEALTHY TREES AND PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED TREE REMOVAL

WHEREAS, mature trees play a crucial role in the environmental and aesthetic well-being of Leonia, providing numerous benefits including stormwater absorption, carbon sequestration, enhancement of property values, provision of cooling shade, reduction of energy consumption, and improvement of air quality; and

WHEREAS, trees are a defining characteristic of Leonia and need to be preserved as a valuable asset of the community; and

WHEREAS, Leonia is facing an accelerating loss of mature trees, necessitating measures to deter unnecessary removals and fund the maintenance of the urban canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Leonia Council deems it necessary to establish fees for the removal of healthy trees and penalties for unauthorized tree removal to protect and preserve the community's tree resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Fee Calculation: The fee for removing a healthy tree, pursuant to Chapter 275 Trees, Section 275-24 B(1) Issuance of Tree Removal Permits as determined by the Municipal Tree Expert, shall be calculated as follows:

- a. Divide the diameter of the tree to be removed (in inches) by 3.

- b. Multiply the result by 2 and round to the nearest whole number.

- c. Multiply this number by the current cost of procuring and planting a replacement tree, which is currently set at $400.

2. Fee Example: For illustrative purposes, the removal fee for a 15-inch diameter tree would be calculated as follows:

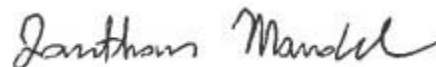**Date:** **July 1, 2024** **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-173**

- a. 15 ÷ 3 = 5
- b. 5 × 2 = 10
- c. 10 × $400 = $4,000

3. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia at a meeting of said Borough Council on July 1, 2024.

Jonathan Mandel, RMC
Borough Clerk