

**Village of Trout Valley
Ordinance No. 2005-06-03**

Tree Ordinance for the Care of Trees on Common Land

WHEREAS, The Village of Trout Valley is recognized as a community of distinctive character; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Trout Valley is recognized for its natural wooded setting which is an essential part of the Village's character; and

WHEREAS, The Trout Valley Association By-Laws and Deed Restrictions include provisions intended to preserve trees and natural environment of the community and this ordinance is consistent with the intent of the 1964 By-laws and the 1992 Deed Restrictions and with amendments that have occurred since that date; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of mature trees and native vegetation is necessary and desirable to preserve the character of the Village of Trout Valley, maintain and enhance property values and to provide for the general well being of the residents of the Village of Trout Valley; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Village of Trout Valley to preserve mature trees in the Village of Trout Valley and to prevent the spread of such tree borne diseases as Dutch Elm disease or Oak Wilt; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF TROUT VALLEY, McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That the above and foregoing preamble is made a part of this ordinance in its entirety, as if fully set forth in the body of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: That the following provisions are incorporated as part of The Village of Trout Valley Code, as amended.

2.1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish tree preservation, care and maintenance standards within the Village of Trout Valley.

2.2.0 AUTHORITY AND POWER

There is hereby created and established a Village Tree Board for the Village of Trout Valley, which shall consist of three members, citizens and residents of this village, who shall be appointed by the Village President with the approval of the Village Board. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

2.2.1

The Village Tree Board shall investigate, study, and develop an annual community forestry work plan, and advise the Village of Trout Valley Board on all matters concerning the preservation of

mature trees and native vegetation, and the prevention the spread of such tree borne diseases as Dutch Elm disease or Oak Wilt.

2.3.0 TERM OF OFFICE

The term of the three persons to be appointed by the president shall be three years, except that the term of one member appointed to the first board shall be for only one year and the term of one member of the first board shall be for two years. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term.

2.4.0 ANNUAL COMMUNITY FORESTRY WORK PLAN

This ordinance provides for the Village Tree Board to be given the responsibility for writing an annual community forestry work plan for the common land within the Village boundaries for review and approval by the Village of Trout Valley.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

AYE: Trustees

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated at Trout Valley, Illinois this _____ day of _____, 2006

Approved

Robert Baker, President

Attest

Suzanne E. Johnson, Village Clerk