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Village of Cedar Rock Tree Cutting Ordinance

Section 1. Intent and Purpose:

1. To protect, maintain and manage the existing forest resources in the Village of Cedar Rock by providing regulations relating to the cutting, removal or destruction of trees.
2. To encourage protection and preservation of the natural environment and beauty of the Village.
3. To encourage a resourceful and prudent approach to development and timber harvesting of wooded areas.
4. To minimize tree loss and provide for replacement of trees removed and destroyed resulting from development and timber harvesting.
5. To provide an objective method to evaluate the effects of timber harvesting and development on wooded areas.
6. To provide for the enforcement and administration of tree protection, thereby promoting and protecting the public health, safety and welfare and enhancing the quality of life.
7. To maintain and protect wooded areas which have a positive economic effect on the Village by enhancing property values and making the Village a more attractive place in which to live.

Section 2. Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-174.

Section 3. Exclusions

This Ordinance specifically excludes owners of recorded lots that have a single-family residence on it or an active building permit for construction of a single-family residence.

This Ordinance also specifically excludes all areas located within the CC zoning district as set forth in the Village of Cedar Rock Zoning Ordinance.

The removal of a dead, damaged or diseased tree, or the removal of a tree from the Village of Cedar Rock road right-of-way shall not be a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Definitions

1. Clear-Cutting. The removal of more than ten (10) trees from a parcel of land or from adjoining parcels of land in common ownership within any twelve (12) month period; or the removal of more than five trees from a parcel that leaves less than an average of one tree per 1,000 square feet of lot area.
2. Removal. The act of removing a tree by digging up or cutting down, or any act that causes a tree to die precipitously.
3. Tree. Any woody, perennial plant characterized by having a main stem or trunk with a diameter of ten (10) or more inches.

Section 5. Clear-Cutting prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person, corporation or other entity to engage in the clear-cutting of trees within the boundaries of the Village of Cedar Rock.

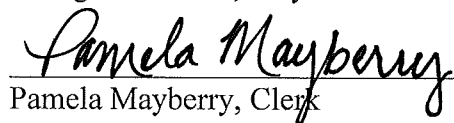
Section 6. Parcels over 3 acres require a tree management plan to be submitted to the Village of Cedar Rock Council for approval before any tree cutting commences.

Section 7. Penalty.

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$500 dollars per tree or treble the fair market value of each tree, whichever is greater.

Approved and Adopted this the 18th day of June, 2013.


George Robinson, Mayor


Pamela Mayberry, Clerk