

**COUNTY OF BERGEN  
BOROUGH OF PARAMUS  
ORDINANCE 2025-27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 453 § 453-11. TITLED "RESTITUTION"**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Shade Tree and Parks Commission of the Borough of Paramus that Section § 453-11 of Chapter 453 of the Code of the Borough of Paramus titled "Restitution" is amended replacing it with the following:

**§ 453-11.**

In addition to the penalties authorized by § 453-10 of this chapter, the Commission may require a person who removes or otherwise destroys a tree in violation of a municipal ordinance to pay a replacement assessment to the municipality. The replacement assessment shall be the value of the tree as determined by appraisal. The Commission may adopt a formula and schedule to assess the value of the tree based upon the number of square inches contained in a cross section of the trunk of the tree multiplied by a predetermined value per square inch, not to exceed \$27 per square inch. The formula and schedule shall be published by the Board of Shade Tree and Parks and shall not be modified except by approval of the Commission. The square inch cross section shall be calculated from the diameter at breast height and, if there is a multiple stem tree, then each trunk shall be measured and an average shall be determined for the tree. For purposes of this chapter, "diameter at breast height" shall mean the diameter of the tree taken at a point 4 ½ feet above ground level. The Commission shall modify the value of the tree based upon its species variety, location and its condition at the time of removal or destruction.

**§ 453-12**

For all residential and commercial zones, any person or property owner who receives Zoning Board approval to expand a curb cut that requires the removal of a Borough tree, shall pay a fee

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of \$1500 which shall represent the value of the tree along with an additional fee of \$500 which shall represent a tree replanting fee before a non-cost permit is issued.

**Section 2.** If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Attest:

  
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Annemarie Krusznis, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved:

  
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Christopher DiPiazza  
Mayor

Introduced: August 20, 2025

Final: September 2, 2025