

DRAFT LOCAL LAW # OF 2022: TREES [all sections and references to sections need to be checked for correct and sequential numbering]

**ARTICLE I
Street Trees**

§ 1. Purpose.

The Village of Athens has a vital interest in the planting and preservation of trees within its borders. The preservation of trees as defined herein within the Village is necessary to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the Village because trees provide shade, impede soil erosion, aid water absorption and retention, inhibit excess runoff and flooding, enhance air quality, offer a natural barrier to noise, provide a natural habitat for wildlife, provide screening, enhance property values and add to the aesthetic quality of the community.

§ 1.1. Definitions.

As used in all articles, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

APPLICANT — Any individual or individuals, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, organization or other legal entity of any kind, including a municipal corporation, governmental agency or subdivision thereof, filing an application pursuant to this chapter.

APPROVING AUTHORITY — The Village Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board or Village Board, as applicable, in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council as specified in § 16C [check correct section reference] hereof.

DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT (DBH) — The diameter of a tree measured at a point 4 1/2 feet above the ground, or at the highest measurable point of the remaining stump if less than 4 1/2 feet, on the uphill side of the tree.

LANDMARK TREES — A tree as defined on a list of trees which may be promulgated and established by the Village Board of the Village of Athens, which list is on file in the office of the Village Clerk, as may be amended from time to time.

LOT — A parcel of land occupied, or designed to be occupied, by one building and the accessory buildings or uses customarily incident to it, including such open spaces as are arranged and designed to be used in connection with such buildings. A lot may or may not be the land shown on a duly recorded plot. If more than one lot of record is held in common ownership and said lots are contiguous and substandard in size to the minimum lot size in the zoning district, they shall, for purpose of this chapter, be held as one lot or as many lots as shall leave no lot substandard.

REGULATED BUFFER ZONE — Any area of vegetative screening as established by an approved site plan, , special permit or subdivision plat, or any area of a residentially zoned property as measured from each perimeter property line of the property towards the interior of such property as follows:

Minimum Width of Regulated Buffer Zone

Zoning District	(feet)
RL	15
RR	15

RM	5
CR	3
C	5
MU/W	7
W	7

SEVERE PRUNING - the cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter to such a degree as to remove the normal canopy and/or disfigure the tree. Trees severely damaged by storm or other causes or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical may be exempted from this definition at the determination of the Department in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council to the extent practicable.

STREET TREES — Trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues and rights-of-way within areas zoned RM (Medium Density Residential), MU/W (Mixed Use Waterfront), W (Waterfront), OS/C (Open Space Conservation), CR (Commercial Residential), and C (Commercial) in the Village. Areas zoned RL (Low Density Residential) and RR (Recreational Residential) are excluded.

TREE — A living woody plant with an erect perennial trunk which is four inches or more in DBH.

TREE CLEARING — The cutting of more than 10 trees with a DBH of four inches or greater per acre, within any twelve-month period.

§ 2. Designation of responsible parties; duties.

The Supervisor of the Department of Public Works, hereinafter also referred to as the "Department," shall implement, in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council, a street tree program developed by the Conservation Advisory Council. The street tree program may be updated from time to time at the request of the Village Board or at the discretion of the Conservation Advisory Council.

§ 3. Duties and responsibilities of Department.

The duties and responsibilities of the Department shall be to:

- A. Observe the condition of the street trees in the Village of Athens and report any concerns to the Village Board or to the Conservation Advisory Council.
- B. With guidance from the Conservation Advisory Council, and with approval of the Village Board, plant trees upon Village streets or parts of Village streets or as designated. A private contracting entity may be used as circumstances warrant.
- C. Work in conjunction with the Conservation Advisory Council in the dissemination of news and information regarding selection, planting and maintenance of trees within Village limits.

§ 4. Planting, tree removal, severe pruning permit required

A. Approval for removal or severe pruning of a street tree or other trees on public property is obtained through written request to the Village Board via the Village complaint process. All complaints will be forwarded to the Conservation Advisory Council for review. In all cases, as a determination about a complaint is generated, effort shall be made to preserve the tree and the least severe approach shall be considered.

B. The Village Board shall give due consideration to the recommendations made by the Council in acting on the application and shall issue approval when the Board establishes to its satisfaction that there is a need for the proposed action based on the following:

- a. The presence of the tree would cause undue hardship or would endanger the health safety or welfare of the general public, the applicant or the adjacent property owner;
- b. The tree is diseased or threatens the health of other trees;
- c. The tree (s) substantially interfere (s) with a permitted use of property;
- d. The cutting of the tree (s) is required by application of the standards of accepted arboricultural practices and will not have an adverse effect on the ecological system or the environment; or
- e. The location of the tree (s) prevents compliance with state, county, or local standards for site lines, driveways and/ or intersections.

C. The Village Board may impose such conditions on the issuance of approval of street tree pruning as may be necessary and reasonable to mitigate the adverse impacts to the tree.

D. No approval shall be required to cut any street tree (s) when:

- a. It is deemed to be an emergency by the Village Board.
- b. The tree cutting is in accordance with a tree preservation plan approved by the Village Board in conjunction with a subdivision, site plan and/ or special permit application.

E. Approval may be revoked by the Village Board if it determines that the tree cutting performed by the property owner is not performed in accordance with the approved conditions.

F. Street tree planting done in compliance with the Village Tree Planting Policy or similar guidance shall not require an application or review by the Conservation Advisory Council. Application for street tree planting that does not comply with the Village Tree Planting Policy or similar guidance shall be made in writing to the Village Board through the Village Clerk on a form provided by the Village. Upon receipt of application, the Village Clerk shall forward the application within one (1) work week to the Conservation Advisory Council for recommendation.

§ 5. Spacing of trees planted.

The spacing of street trees will be in accordance with the following size classes, and the preferred distances between trees are: small trees, 30 feet; medium trees, 40 feet; and large trees, 50 feet;

except in special plantings designed or approved by the Department in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council. Small trees are defined as having an ultimate height equal to or greater than 13 feet but less than 26 feet; medium trees are defined as having an ultimate height equal to or greater than 26 feet but less than 52 feet; and large trees are defined as having an ultimate height equal to or greater than 52 feet.

§ 6. Distance from curbs and sidewalks.

The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curblines and sidewalks will be in accordance with the species size, with final determination made by the Department in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council.

§ 7. Distance from street corners and hydrants.

No street tree shall be planted closer than 35 feet to any street corner, measured from the point of the nearest intersection curbs or curblines. No street tree shall be planted closer than 10 feet to any fire hydrant.

§ 8. Distance from utilities.

No street tree may be planted over or within three lateral feet (small or medium) or five lateral feet (large) of any underground waterline, sewer line, transmission line or other utility.

§ 9. Rights of Village.

A. The Village shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove street trees within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares, sidewalks and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure public safety or convenience or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The Department, in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council to the extent practicable, may remove or cause or order to be removed any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which, by reason by its nature, is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, waterlines or other public improvements or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect, or other pest.

§ 11. Responsibilities of property owners. RENUMBERING OF SECTIONS WILL NEED TO START HERE.

Every owner of any tree or shrub on private property overhanging any right-of-way within the Village shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any streetlamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection or any traffic control device and so that there shall be a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The Department shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a streetlight or interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign or interferes with visibility at an intersection.

§ 12. Removal of stumps.

All stumps of street trees shall be removed below the surface of the ground so that the top of the stump shall not project above the surface of the ground.

§ 13. Removal of healthy trees prohibited.

To protect the Village's investment in time and resources in the street tree program, it shall be unlawful to remove or cause the destruction of any healthy street tree without prior approval of the Village Board in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council.

§ 14. Consent required for deviations.

Any deviation from this article shall be unlawful without the express written consent of the Village Board in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council.

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ARTICLE II
Tree Preservation

§ 15. Purpose.

A. The purpose of this section is to consolidate the rules and regulations regarding tree preservation within the Village of Athens with the understanding that the careful maintenance of trees in our community offers significant benefits to all of its inhabitants and visitors. In addition to their natural beauty and resulting enhancements to the Village in terms of maintaining community aesthetics, improving the overall quality of life, and augmenting property values, trees stabilize the soil and control water pollution by preventing soil erosion and flooding, reduce air pollution, provide oxygen, yield advantageous microclimatic effects, temper noise, provide a natural habitat for wildlife, and, further, that unusual, large and old trees have unique beauty and historic values. Setting reasonable guidelines to prevent wholesale removal of trees helps maintain these advantages now and in the future.

B. By clarifying its regulations regarding tree maintenance, the Village Board and the CAC have taken into consideration the substantially similar tree laws that are currently utilized in many similar locales throughout New York State as well as the findings of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act *. The overarching principle is that it is the obligation of the Village to serve as a steward of air, water, land and living resources and the obligation to protect the environment for the use of this and future generations. It is the intent of the Village to recognize these responsibilities in part by providing these procedures as well as to preserve the health and welfare and rural character of the community which is reflected in the woodlands of the Village of Athens.

1. Editor's Note: See Art. 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

§ 17. Tree removal permit required; Approving Authority.

- A. General regulations. A tree removal permit will be required before removing:
- a. Any tree eight inches or more in DBH on any parcel of land capable of being subdivided under the zoning provisions applicable to the district in which the parcel is situated or on any parcel of land without a residential structure or on any property which would require site plan approval to be developed.
 - b. Any tree four inches or more in DBH growing on slopes of over 20%.
 - c. Any threatened or endangered species of tree, regardless of size, as defined by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
 - d. Landmark trees as herein defined, regardless of size.
 - e. Any tree four inches or more in DBH, the trunk of which is wholly or partially located in a regulated buffer zone as herein defined.
 - f. More than 10 trees with a DBH of four inches or greater per acre, within any twelve-month period.
- B. Exceptions.
- a. No tree removal permit shall be required for work to be done by or on behalf of the Village of Athens.
 - b. Trees may be removed without a permit by the appropriate agency or authority as may be necessary to maintain Village, county, state or utility right-of-way, as a control measure to fight forest or other fires or under such other actual or ongoing emergency condition when such tree removal is essential for the protection and preservation of life or property.
- C. Approving Authority. The Approving Authority for all applications shall be the Village Code Enforcement Officer, except that the Planning Board or Village Board, as applicable, in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council, shall be the Approving Authority for any application that is also the subject of a pending site plan, , subdivision approval, wetlands permit or steep slopes permit in accordance with the requirements of the Code of the Village of Athens. Except as otherwise required in connection with the review of subdivision and site plan applications by the Planning Board and steep slope applications by the Village Board, the application for a tree removal permit shall not be subject to a public hearing, and notification of adjoining or other property owners is not required.
- D. Standards for the granting of permits. A tree removal permit shall normally be issued if any of the following conditions are met:
- a. The location of the tree(s) clearly endangers the health, safety, welfare or property of the general public, the property owner or an adjoining property owner.
 - b. The location of the designated tree(s) prevents compliance with state, county or local standards for sight lines, driveways or intersections.
 - c. The location of the tree(s) prevents the property owner from undertaking otherwise

approved construction or alteration because the location of the designated tree(s) substantially interferes with a permitted use of the property and the construction or alteration cannot be reasonably modified to accommodate the designated tree(s); written explanation may be required describing how the designated tree(s) interferes with construction or alteration and why the construction or alteration cannot be modified reasonably to accommodate the designated tree(s).

- d. The designated tree(s), due to disease, blight, infestation, storm damage, accident or other condition, causes undue hardship for the property owner to maintain, or is so substantially diseased that it constitutes a danger to persons, property or other trees.
- e. The removal of the tree is not inconsistent with good silvicultural, horticultural or vegetation management.

E. Planning Board or Village Board action which is deemed approval of tree removal. Where tree removal is proposed in connection with any site plan, subdivision plat, wetlands permit or steep slope permit application submitted or to be submitted to the Planning Board or Village Board, as applicable, in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council, trees shall be removed from the affected property only in conjunction with an approved final subdivision plat, final site plan, wetlands or steep slope permit application. A tree removal permit is not required in these cases.

§ 18. Permit application.

A. Any person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted a regulated activity specified in § 16 hereof shall file an application for a permit with the Approving Authority as hereinafter provided. Such application shall include the following information:

- a. The name and address of the applicant.
- b. The address and Village Tax Map designation of the property on which the tree(s) is/are located.
- c. The total land area involved in cutting operations.
- d. The number and size in DBH of trees to be removed.
- e. The purpose of the tree removal.
- f. A survey of that section to be disturbed, showing location of any regulated buffer zone as herein defined as well as all trees, indicating those trees to be removed and those trees to be preserved, their species and their diameter. In the case of site plans, including s, and subdivision plats, the tree survey shall be submitted to the Planning Board or Village Board as applicable as a part of the site plan, subdivision plat, wetlands or steep slopes applications. Trees shall have numbering and tagging. The numbering and tagging shall be both in the field as well as illustrated on the plan.

Where no subdivision, site plan, wetlands permit or steep slope permit application is involved, the survey requirement may be eliminated, and a plan drawn to scale showing the property lines and tree locations with the tree diameters noted by the applicant may be substituted.

- g. Methods of removal.
- h. A stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) consistent with the requirements of Chapter 196, Article I, Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control, shall be required for any tree removal permit that qualifies as or authorizes a land development activity as defined in Chapter 196, Article I. The SWPPP shall meet the performance and design criteria and standards in Chapter 196, Article I. The approved tree removal permit shall be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 196, Article I.

B. In cases where the Planning Board has received or will receive a site plan, or subdivision application involving the disturbance of 50 or more acres and where an acceptable erosion and sedimentation control plan has been or will be prepared for such project and where an environmental impact statement has been or will be prepared for such project, a sampling technique may be used to estimate the number, species and diameter of trees on the site and the number of trees proposed to be removed. The specifics of the sampling technique shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board. Notwithstanding the above, all trees 22 inches in diameter at breast height and greater in any areas proposed to be disturbed shall be individually identified and marked in accordance with §§ 17A and 18C, respectively, of this article.

§ 19. Conditions for granting permit.

The Approving Authority may, as a condition of granting a permit:

- A. Require the reasonable relocation of proposed foundation walls, driveways, grading, surface and subsurface improvements or drainage systems to preserve specific trees.
- B. Regulate the days and hours of operations.
- C. Require that each tree to be cut or removed be marked at one point low enough on the trunk to be visible after removal of the tree so as to permit subsequent inspection. Notwithstanding the above, where the use of a sampling technique has been approved, trees less than 22 inches in diameter at breast height need not be marked.
- D. Require such safeguards as appropriate to minimize the environmental impact of such removal operations.
- E. Require additional information, if the tree removal involves tree clearing, including but not limited to:
 - a. Complete plans for the restoration of the site after tree removal, which shall be certified by a recognized tree expert, drawn to a scale of not less than one inch equals 50 feet, and including the following:
 - i. Description of the proposed vegetative cover of the tree removal area, including dominant species before and after the tree removal.
 - ii. The location of the tree removal in relation to property lines, roads, buildings and wetlands within 100 feet thereof.
 - b. Additional information as needed or deemed necessary by the approval authority to evaluate the proposed tree removal in terms of the goals and standards of this chapter.

- F. Require that the tree trunk, limbs, stump and any roots remaining above grade be removed to approximately two feet or less.
- G. Require that the disturbed area be backfilled, replanted and/or reseeded.
- H. Require that in the case of a tree destroyed or removed illegally, another tree or trees of comparable size, species and/or value be replanted at the expense of the property owner, for each tree removed.
- I. Require the planting of a replacement tree or trees.
- J. Impose such additional conditions as the Approving Authority deems necessary to ensure compliance with the policies and provisions of this chapter.

§ 20. Bond.

A. Before issuing a tree removal permit, the Approving Authority may require the applicant to file with the Village a suitable bond or other security reasonably acceptable to the Village, payable to the Village, in an amount fixed by the Approving Authority and in a form approved by said Approving Authority and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the requirements of this article, the observance of all municipal laws and compliance with conditions imposed in connection with the granting of the permit, to indemnify the Village for completing the work in accordance with this article.

B. Any bond or other security filed in accordance with the foregoing shall not be released until the Village Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the CAC, has determined that, in all respects, the work proposed under the approval has been satisfactorily completed in full compliance with all provisions of this article. Failure to timely complete the work in accordance with the terms and conditions of an approved plan and/or permit and to obtain a certificate of completion as provided in § 23 may result in the forfeiture of the bond or other security and the Village shall be entitled to the full amount of said bond or other security for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this article.

§ 21. Permit fee.

A tree removal permit application shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount set by resolution of the Village Board.

§ 22. Inspection; indemnification.

Any site for which an application for a tree removal permit has been submitted shall be subject to inspection by the Approving Authority or its designated representatives upon notice to the property owner and applicant at any reasonable time, including weekends and holidays. The applicant, by making application for such permit, shall be deemed to have given its consent to such inspection. The applicant shall indemnify and hold the Village harmless against any damage or injury that may be caused by or arise out of any entry onto the subject property in connection with the processing of the application, during construction or performance of the work or within one year after the completion of the work.

§ 23. Term.

No permit shall be valid for more than one year after approval of an application by the Approving Authority unless otherwise specified by the Approving Authority. All permits shall expire upon

completion of the work specified therein. The validity of any work duly completed pursuant to an existing permit shall not be affected by the expiration date. Permits may be renewed by the Approving Authority upon application submitted at least 20 days before the expiration of the permit. Standards for issuance of renewals shall be the same for the issuance of permits.

§ 24. Action upon completion of work.

A. Within 30 days after completion of all tree removals authorized under a permit issued in accordance with this chapter, the applicant shall notify the Village Code Enforcement Officer in writing with a copy to the chairperson of the Conservation Advisory Council of such completion.

B. Within 30 days of such notification of completion of work, the Village Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the CAC, shall inspect or cause to be inspected the tree removal site for compliance with all conditions of the permit.

- a. When all tree removal(s) authorized under a permit is deemed to be completed in an acceptable fashion, the Approving Authority shall issue a certificate of completion, which shall be accompanied by cancellation or return of any bond collected for such permit.
- b. When tree removals authorized under permit are deemed not acceptable, the Approving Authority shall notify the applicant. The notification of noncompliance shall include a list of all conditions in violation of the terms of the permit and shall specify a time limit for the correction of all items so listed.

§ 25. Suspension or revocation of permit.

A. The Approving Authority after notice to the permit holder and an opportunity to be heard may revoke or suspend a tree removal permit if it finds that the applicant has not complied with any or all of the terms of such permit, has exceeded the authority granted in the permit or has failed to undertake the project in the manner set forth in the approved application.

B. Issuance of a stop-work order by the Village Code Enforcement Officer shall be as provided in § 116-6 of the Village Code. A stop-work order may be appealed by filing a written notice of appeal with the Planning Board not later than 30 days after service of the stop-work order upon the applicant. A hearing shall be scheduled by the Planning Board within 20 days of receipt of request for a hearing. After the close of the hearing, the Planning Board may confirm, modify or cancel the stop-work order.

C. The Approving Authority shall set forth in writing its findings and reasons for revoking or suspending a permit pursuant to this section and keep a copy in the permit application file.

ARTICLE III
Penalties; Appeals; Dead or Diseased Trees

§ 26. Penalties for offenses.

A. Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity who or which undertakes any regulated activity without a tree removal permit required by this chapter or who violates any condition attached to a tree removal permit, or who otherwise violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$250. Each tree removed without a tree removal permit required by this chapter or in violation of any condition attached to a tree removal permit or otherwise in violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense. For a second and each subsequent violation within a one-year period, the violator shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a violation of § 116-6 shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000. Each violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be a separate and distinct offense. In addition, the court may order or direct a violator to replace any or all trees removed illegally, with a size and type selected by the Director of the Department in consultation with the Conservation Advisory Council. The court shall specify a reasonable time for the completion of such restoration, which shall be effected under the supervision of the Village Code Enforcement Officer.

B. The Village Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the CAC, also shall have the power to direct a violator to cease violation of this chapter and to replace illegally removed trees and to restore satisfactorily the affected land to its condition prior to the violation, insofar as that is possible, within a reasonable time. Exercising of this power may be with or without the imposition of a fine under Subsection A hereof.

C. The Village also shall have the right to seek equitable relief to restrain any violation or threatened violation of any provision of this chapter and to compel the replacement of any or all trees removed illegally and the restoration of the land affected to its condition prior to the violation of the provisions of this chapter.

D. The Village shall not issue a building permit, temporary certificate of occupancy or certificate of occupancy for any property for which a violation of this chapter has been served, or for which an administrative or judicial proceeding has been commenced under this section, until said violation or proceeding is dismissed or resolved to the satisfaction of the Approving Authority or court, as is appropriate.

E. The Village Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to issue appearance tickets for violation of this chapter.

§ 27. Appeals.

A. A determination by the Approving Authority to grant or deny a tree removal permit may be reviewed by the applicant or any other aggrieved person by the commencement of an action pursuant to the provisions of Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

B. In the case of an application decided by the Village Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the CAC, the applicant or any other party aggrieved by such determination may seek review by appealing to the Planning Board, in which case the Planning Board shall become the Approving Authority for such application. Such review shall be requested not later than 20 days after the determination.

§ 28. Removal of dead or diseased trees; dangerous trees or tree limbs.

A. The Village Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the CAC, shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the Village when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property or harbor insects or diseases which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the Village. The Department shall notify, in writing, the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners, at their own expense, within 30 days after the date of service of notice.

B. The Village Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the CAC, shall have the right to cause the removal of any trees or tree limbs on private property within the Village that it has determined are dangerous because they are likely to constitute an imminent hazard to life and/or property. The Village Code Enforcement Officer shall notify, in writing, the owners of such trees or limbs. Removal shall be done by said owners, at their own expense, within three days after the date of service of notice.

C. In the event of an owner's failure to comply with Subsection A or B hereunder, the Department, in consultation with the CAC, shall have the authority to remove such tree(s) or limb(s), as the case may be, and charge the cost of removal to the owner. If the charge is not paid within 30 days from the date of the bill, the Village Clerk shall cause, on the next succeeding April 15, any said unpaid removal charges to be added to the Village tax bills. Said charges shall constitute a lien on the real property so affected.

§ 29. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof, directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered.

§30. Conflict with other Village Laws.

To the extent that any other local law, ordinance, rule or standard may conflict with the terms herein, the language and terms of this local law shall control.

§31. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State's office.