BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 258 TREES, Subsection 2 DEFINITIONS is hereby amended as follows:

A. The definition of "BOROUGH TREE" is hereby deleted and replaced with the following definition:

BOROUGH TREE – Any tree other than a "Non-Borough Tree", as defined herein, as same may be located on land owned by the Borough, or which is located on a street, highway, public place, right of way, Borough easement, park, parkway or recreation area.

B. The definition of "NON-BOROUGH TREE" is hereby deleted and replaced with the following definition:

NON-BOROUGH TREE – Any tree located on privately-owned property and within the entire perimeter of such property specifically including trees contiguous to privately-owned property extending from the property line to the curbline of the roadway abutting such property.

SECTION 2. Chapter 258 TREES, Subsection E (2) is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

- E. Other permit considerations
- (2) If any Non-Borough tree is deemed by the Borough to be dead, dying or diseased or otherwise a hazard to safety or welfare, the Borough may require the owner of the property to remove a Non-Borough Tree (as defined in Section 258 -2) from its property within ten (10) days after written notice to the property owner, and the Borough shall issue a permit for such removal. If the owner fails or refuses to comply with that removal order, the Borough may cause such tree or trees to be removed and shall certify the cost of same, which shall become a lien on the property, added to and become part of the taxes next assessed on the land, with interest at the same rate as taxes.

SECTION 3. Chapter 258 TREES, Subsection F (4) is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

- F. Exemptions
- (4) A permit is not required for any Non-Borough tree or trees which, upon application by the property owner to allow removal, and after inspection by the Borough, are determined to be dead, dying, hazardous, storm damaged, diseased and/or infested, in which event the property owner shall proceed with removal of the tree or trees within 10 days of the determination by the Borough.
- **SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.
- SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at a meeting held on Monday, August 12, 2019. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, New Jersey.

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk

The foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and adopted by mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs after second reading and public hearing thereon, at a meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2019, 7 pm in the Laurel Springs Recreation Center, 820 Grand Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021.

Dawn T. Amadio, RMC, Municipal Clerk