

Village of East Aurora, NY

Street-Tree Removal Policy Variance Request

In that the Village of East Aurora considers its street-tree canopy a vital asset to the community as a whole, it is the policy of the village to remove trees growing in the village right-of-way only when the tree is deemed to be in irreversible decline and is considered to be in such a state as to be a hazard to public safety.

Requests for any variance from this policy should be submitted to the Village Administrator in the following format:

1. A letter detailing the exact reasons the owner is requesting removal.
2. Photographs supporting statements made.
3. Evaluation of the tree by a certified arborist.* Evaluation to be at property owner's expense and submitted on the provider's official stationery.

Submission of request is not a guarantee that the request will be granted. All documentation will be referred by the Village Board to the Tree Board for a recommendation. The Village Board reserves the right to solicit input from adjoining property owners. The Village Board will then take make a final determination.

The Property Owner will be notified in writing of the Village Board's determination. If the determination is favorable, the property owner shall pay the cost of removal. An approval may be conditioned with the requirement that a new tree be planted, at the property owner's expense, and purchased through the village's tree planting program.

*A listing of local arborists is available from the village office.