

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-3**

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON  
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON TO AMEND THE  
TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 79 –“SHADE TREES”**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION I. INTRODUCTION**

Township Council, at the recommendation of the Township Engineer, and upon review of the Land Use Planning Board, hereby seeks to amend Chapter 79 with respect to buffering and shade tree requirements.

**SECTION II.**

The Township Council hereby amends Chapter 79 as follows:

**Section 79-3 Species shall be amended as follows:**

C. Buffer and landscape screens.

(1) Buffers and landscape screens shall consist **predominately** of ~~100%~~ evergreen species. Such buffers and screens shall consist of at least two parallel rows or groups of trees with trees settings staggered so as to produce a visual screen at tree maturity. The selected tree shall be thickly branched and dense, especially close to the ground and shall have a fast growth rate in the early years. When available and where appropriate the following species shall be used: *Thuja occidentalis nigra* (dark American arborvitae); ~~*Tsuga canadensis* (Canada hemlock)~~; *Pseudotsuga douglasi* (douglas fir); and all native pines such as scotch pine, white pine and spruce.

(2) Buffers shall be **predominately** ~~100%~~ evergreens **and consist of trees** planted ~~six~~ **twelve (12)** feet apart **in two staggered row set 12 feet apart.** ~~within 10 foot width, and~~ ~~†~~Trees shall be six to eight feet high at time of initial planting. Such planting shall provide a thick, dense visual buffer from the ground to a height of eight feet. **Evergreen trees shall be supplemented with a variety of evergreen shrubs.**

D. Prohibited evergreens in buffer areas. The following evergreens shall be prohibited in all buffer areas:

~~(6) *Ginkgo bilabo* (Maidenhair Tree), except from nursery stock.~~

~~(7) *Larix decidua* (European Larch).~~

~~(8) *Laris Kaempferi* and *L. leptolpis* (Japanese Larch).~~

~~(10) *Taxodium distichum* (Common Bald Cypress), except for wet areas.~~

**Section 79-4 Plan details and specifications shall be amended as follows:**

B. Plan details and specifications. All plans shall contain the following information:

(6) An indication as to how the plants will be grown and moved. For example, plants may be field grown, or nursery grown, and moved by ball and burlap, ~~bare roots~~, or containerized.

(8) A statement, where applicable, directing appropriate action and ~~the ingredients~~ **soil amendments** to be added to ~~reach~~ **achieve** the desired "pH" **fertility and organic matter** levels.

C. Shrub and tree planting details. Shrub and tree planting details shall show the following where applicable.

~~(8) Wrapping details for deciduous trees.~~

**Replace with the following (8) Root flare of deciduous trees must remain exposed after planting.**

**Section 79-5. Design Standards shall be amended as follows:**

**Section 79-5 B. shall be deleted.**

**Section 79-5C shall be amended as follows:**

C. Saucer.

(2) The saucer shall be a minimum of ~~six~~ **three** inches higher than the finished grade.

D. Mulching.

(1) ~~A two~~ **three**-inch minimum layer of mulch shall be applied around each individual, or group of trees and shrubs.

(2) ~~A mulch shall be considered any material, organic or inorganic of a granular nature that is not readily subject to movement by wind or water.~~ consist of triple ground hardwood mulch with a neutral pH.

~~(3) Wood chips partially rotted or nitrogen enriched may be used. New wood chips are not acceptable because of the bacteria drawing available nitrogen from the soil thus preventing its use by the plants it is intended to protect.~~

F. Planting. Plants shall be set straight and firmly tamped and then adequately watered, ~~guyed, pruned and wrapped.~~

H. ~~Caliper Size.~~

(1) The minimum caliper for trees shall be ~~one to~~ **two** 1/2 inches at ~~36 inch~~ **6 feet trunk** height.

(2) The minimum size for evergreen trees shall be eight (8) feet in height.

(3) Shrubs shall be a minimum height of 2 1/2 feet.

I. Other.

(6) The grade of land located within ~~six feet~~ **the dripline** of an existing tree that will remain on the site after construction shall not be raised or lowered more than six inches unless compensated by welling or retaining wall methods.

(7) For existing trees that will remain on the site after construction, no vehicular equipment is to be driven within ~~six feet~~ **the dripline** of such trees, and no building materials may be stacked or stored within six feet of such trees.

(11) ~~Compensating on~~ planting of ~~the same~~ **appropriate plant** species will be required in areas where trees **and/or shrubs** have been destroyed due to development.

ATTEST:

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