AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, SECTION 27.6 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE (FEES)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 25, Section 27.6 of the Revised General

Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. <u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 25, Section 27.6 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be amendable by Resolution such that it is amendable in the future by approval of the Township Council, a necessity in an everchanging socioeconomic climate.

II. <u>CHAPTER 25 SECTION 27.6 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND</u> <u>SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:</u>

§25-27.6 BE AND HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

• The portion entitled "Fees" which specifies required fees owed to the Township for processing a tree removal permit, shall be repealed and replaced by the following language:

a. Except as provided below, the basic, nonrefundable fee for processing a tree removal permit application for an improved lot which is not the subject of a development application shall be an amount prescribed by Resolution, intended to cover such processing costs to the Township as a preapplication meeting, review and evaluation of the application, requisite site inspections, and communications with the applicant including those relating to issuance or denial of a tree removal permit.

1. Fees shall be waived for nonviable trees, as certified by the officer.

b. In the case of an application for a tree removal permit related to a development application, the nonrefundable fee shall be an amount prescribed by Resolution, intended to cover the same costs to the Township stated in Subsection a of this section.

III. <u>REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES</u>

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

SUSAN MCCARTNEY, MAYOR

TAMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C. MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCED: March 21, 2023

ADOPTED: April 4, 2023

Legislative History

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 25 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be subject to adjustment by Resolution.