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The City of Margate Announces Tree Affidavit to Minimize Negative Effects of Tree Removal

Margate, NJ – April 27, 2021 – The City of Margate has implemented a Tree Affidavit in order to minimize the negative effects of tree removal.

With Arbor Day upon us, the City and Sustainable Margate would like to shine a light on its ongoing efforts to help maintain the trees and green spaces of the island.

As we all know, trees are of great value to any community. With the latest building boom in full swing, a large amount of native trees are in danger of being removed to accommodate the influx of new construction. Unfortunately, this practice has several negative consequences, including the lack of shade during the hot summer months, as well as a lack of wildlife diversity.

In an effort to minimize the negative effects of tree removal, Margate City has implemented a Tree Affidavit in which home owners or builders wishing to remove an existing tree must obtain approval from the Zoning Office prior to removal. A permit for tree removal is not required once the project is approved. However, the City of Margate's code has minimum landscape standards for residential properties, and the Zoning Board may require new trees to be planted on said property in order to satisfy these requirements. Please refer to section 175-26 "Landscaping" of the Code of the City of Margate City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.

The following principles shall be considered when planning to remove a tree:

1. Existing trees located within 10 feet of any street right-of-way shall be maintained unless shown to be removed as part of an approved plan. The existing grade within that space shall not be disturbed.
2. Existing large trees (more than six-inch caliper) shall be saved by not varying the grade around the trees by more than six to 12 inches, by construction of tree wells and by erecting protective fences.

The City of Margate has, and will always, be proactive when it comes to the sustainability and preservation of its natural resources. This Tree Affidavit is another way to help ensure the beauty of Margate's landscape for all present residents, future residents and visitors to enjoy.

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