

RESOLUTION 16-49
VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS
PROPOSED ORDINANCE #466

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE EXERCISE OF MUNICIPAL ZONING OF THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS AND FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS.

THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS ORDAINS TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS ZONING CODE AS FOLLOWS:

DELETE: SECTION 528.C.4., LANDSCAPE PLANT MATERIALS, in its entirety.

ADOPT: SECTION 528.C.4., LANDSCAPE PLANT MATERIALS, as follows:

4. Landscape Plant Material.
 - a. Plant Materials: It is the intent of this Section to encourage thoughtful, environmentally sensitive, and bio-diverse nature of the mixture of plantings, including those plantings native to the northwest Michigan region, and to discourage the use of invasive plant materials during the landscape design process. In order to meet this intent, the Village of Elk Rapids will utilize the "Recommended Planting Guidelines for Municipalities", as published by the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network, as may be amended from time to time, to determine what plant materials shall be considered "native species" from "invasive species".
 - b. Plant Quality: All plant materials shall be of nursery quality, obtained from a licensed grower, hardy to the climate of northern Michigan, and free of disease and insects.
 - c. Plant Mixture: The overall landscape plan should promote a mixture of native species plant materials as described below.
 - d. Approved "Native Species" planting materials: The following "native species" plant materials may be used for landscape purposes. Additional selections of "native species" planting materials may be found under "Recommended Plants for Ornamental Landscapes" within the "Recommended Planting Guidelines for Municipalities", noted above:
 - Trees: Balsam fir, Sugar Maple, Shadlow Serviceberry, River Birch, Musclewood, Eastern Larch Tamarack, Ironwood, Horizontal Dogwood, Red Pine, White Pine, Black Cherry, White Oak, Northern Pin Oak, Northern Red Oak, Northern White Cedar, Eastern Hemlock, and Pear.
 - Shrubbery: Round-leaved Serviceberry, Black Chokecherry, New Jersey Tea, Buttonbush, Alternate-leaf Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, Red-osier Dogwood, Michigan Holly, Meadowsweet, and Nine Bark.
 - Ground Cover: Spreading Juniper, Wild Strawberry, Little Blue Stem Grass.
 - e. Prohibited Plant Materials: "Invasive species" planting materials listed under "Commercial Guidelines", as Class 1 and Class 2 Plants, within the "Recommended Planting Guidelines for Municipalities", noted above, shall not be used for landscaping purposes under any circumstances.

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ABSENT: 1

I, Caroline Kennedy, Assistant Village Manager/Clerk, do hereby certify that Resolution 16-49 was duly adopted at the Regular Council Meeting held on April 18, 2016.

Caroline Kennedy