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To Whom It May Concern:

In July of 1995, the Greece Town Board adopted *Town of Greece Local Law – Chapter 193 Trees* (the "Tree Ordinance") in an effort to encourage the preservation of the Town's forestry and to regulate planting, maintenance and removal of all trees within the Town.

Section 193.12 of the Tree Ordinance reads:

"To protect the public, any person who plants, prunes, maintains or removes trees as a business on any area of land in the Town shall be insured and shall comply with state and local liability insurance requirements, workers' compensation and safety codes. No person who plants, maintains or removes trees as a business shall work on any tree on any area of land in the Town without first applying for and obtaining an annually renewable registration certificate from the Town available through the office of the Town Clerk."

Tree service businesses must register with the Greece Town Clerk annually before performing work on any trees in the Town of Greece. The Code requires such businesses to comply with state and local insurance requirements and safety codes. Insurance requirements include liability, worker's compensation and disability insurance.

The Town of Greece requires that all trucks associated with tree removal/trimming must be permitted and will be issued a sticker permit to be attached and clearly displayed on the front bumper of each truck. **The permit fee is $50.00 for the first truck and $25.00 for each additional truck.** A Permit Application and Truck Inventory Fee Worksheet are included. Both forms must be completed and submitted to the Town Clerk's Office for processing of the permit(s).

Any permitted truck will be allowed to dispose of approved material at the Town of Greece Transfer Station located at 635 Flynn Road. Guidelines and procedures are also included with the permit application.

Any tree service business that performs work in the Town that chooses not to bring approved material to the town transfer station is responsible for properly disposing of all said material. The Town will not pick up material generated by contractors that is left on the project site.

Any proposed work on Town-owned trees, first requires that a Highway Permit be obtained from the Department of Public Works. If a permit is issued for work on a Town tree within the right-of-way, a nominal fee will be applied.

Failure to obtain a Highway Permit to work on a public tree is a violation of the Town's Tree Ordinance and those found guilty of such work may be subject to significant penalties.

In order for your permit application to be fully processed, you must complete the attached application form along with the additional information outlined on the form **no later than March 15th.**

Your completed application and additional items as required, should then be submitted to the **Town Clerk, One Vince Tofany Blvd., Greece, New York 14612**, with the required fee so that the permit(s) can be issued.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Department of Public Works at (585) 723-2252, or the Town Clerk's Office at (585) 225-2000 if you have any questions regarding this permitting procedure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cory Gurnett, Commissioner
Department of Public Works

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Cc: D. Case, Forestry Division
C. Rozzi, Town Clerk