

**Hayes Township**  
Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_ of 2017  
Updated September 26, 2017

An Ordinance amendment to the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance of Article III pertaining to Landscaping. The Township of Hayes Ordains:

**Section 1.** Article III Section 3.24.1 Landscaping of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

1. Landscape Elements

The following minimum standards shall apply:

- A. Effective the date this subsection was amended by Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ of 2017 (INSERT EFFECTIVE DATE of AMENDMENT), Hayes Township will use the "Recommended Planting Guidelines for Municipalities," as published by the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network, as periodically revised, to determine what constitutes a "native species" from an "invasive species" ([click here for a list of recommended species](#)).
- B. Only "native species" will be used as plant materials used for any type of landscaping on properties applying for a Land Use Permit after the effective date noted above.
- C. "Invasive" species will not be allowed as plant materials. Failure to follow the "Recommended Planting Guidelines for Municipalities" may result in enforcement pursuant to Article IX: Administration and Enforcement.
- D. A mixture of plant material, such as evergreen, deciduous trees and shrubs, is recommended as a protective measure against insect and disease infestation. A limited mixture of hardy species is recommended rather than a large quantity of different species to produce a more aesthetic, cohesive design and avoid a disorderly appearing arrangement.
- E. Berms shall be constructed with slopes not to exceed a 1:3 gradient with side slopes designed and planted to prevent erosion, and with a rounded surface a minimum of two (2) feet in width at the highest point of the berm, extending the length of the berm. Berm slopes shall be protected by sod, seed, shrubs or other form of natural ground cover.
- F. Existing Trees:
  - 1) If existing plant material is labeled "To Remain" on site plans by the applicant or required by the Planning Commission, protective techniques, such as, but not limited to, fencing or barriers placed at the drip line around the perimeter of the plant material shall be installed during construction. No vehicle or other construction equipment shall be parked or stored within the drip line of any plant material intended to be saved. Other protective techniques may be used provided such techniques are approved by the Planning Commission.
  - 2) In the event that healthy trees which are used to meet the minimum requirements of this Ordinance or those labeled "to remain" are cut

down, destroyed, damaged, or excavated at the drip line, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, the owner shall replace them with trees of similar size and type.

**Section 2. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township, unless a later date is specified.

Township of Hayes

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Ron VanZee, Supervisor

Adoption date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Marlene Golovich, Clerk

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

