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Enacted by Council: February 7, 2003

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No. 123

BY-LAW No. 123-2003

To make technical amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 658, Ravine Protection.

WHEREAS Chapter 658, Ravine Protection repeals and replaces Chapter 276, Ravines, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS it was the intent of Council that those areas protected under Chapter 276, Ravines of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code would continue to be protected under Chapter 658 of the new City of Toronto Municipal Code and the south half of Park Drive Ravine east of a Mt. Pleasant Avenue and west of Glen Road was inadvertently removed as a protected area; and

WHEREAS § 658-4 contains exceptions to the permit requirements set out in § 658-2A and B and it is necessary to clarify that these exceptions may apply to § 658-2A or B and not necessarily to § 658-2A and B;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Chapter 658, Ravine Protection, of the City of Toronto Municipal code is amended as follows:

   A. By deleting Schedule A at the end of Chapter 658 and substituting Schedule A attached to this by-law.

   B. By deleting § 658-4 Exceptions, and substituting the following:

      § 658-4. Exceptions

      A. Despite § 658-2A, a permit is not required in the following circumstances:

         (1) Removal of a dead tree or a tree in declining or poor condition that cannot be maintained in a healthy and safe condition certified as such by the Commissioner.

         (2) Destruction of a tree that represents an imminent hazard to persons or property.

         (3) Pruning of a tree in accordance with good arboricultural practice to maintain the health of the tree.

         (4) Pruning of tree branches that interfere with utility conductors as certified by the Commissioner.
(5) Pruning or removal of ornamental trees.

(6) Injury or destruction of trees on rooftop gardens or in interior courtyards, solariums or raised podiums.

(7) Emergency work as certified by the Commissioner.

(8) Normal maintenance and play enhancement activities within manicured areas of turf of an existing golf course.

(9) Farming, maintenance and management activities associated with Agricultural Heritage Reserve Zones located within the Rouge Park.

(10) Maintenance and management activities and improvement of recreational opportunities and infrastructure associated with Special Management Zones within the Rouge Park.

(11) The erection of any fence if the fence is erected in accordance with the applicable provisions of any zoning by-law and fence by-law, provided that the fence is maintained such that the uphill side of the fence is kept clear of refuse and fill.

B. Despite § 658-2 B, a permit is not required in the following circumstances:

(1) Cultivation or tilling of garden beds as long as such work does not alter or create slopes at greater than 10 percent.

(2) Placing of soil involving an amount of less than five cubic metres for the purposes of maintaining existing manicured areas.

(3) Placing or dumping of fill or refuse or alteration of the grade of land on rooftop gardens or in interior courtyards, solariums or raised podiums.

(4) Emergency work as certified by the Commissioner.

(5) Grade changes within areas that are fill regulated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

(6) Normal maintenance and play enhancement activities within manicured areas of turf of an existing golf course.

(7) Farming, maintenance and management activities associated with Agricultural Heritage Reserve Zones located within the Rouge Park.

(8) Maintenance and management activities and improvement of recreation opportunities and infrastructure associated with Special Management Zones within the Rouge Park.
(9) The erection of any fence if the fence is erected in accordance with the applicable provisions of any zoning by-law and fence by-law, provided that the fence is maintained such that the uphill side of the fence is kept clear of refuse and fill.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 7th day of February, A.D. 2003.

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Deputy Mayor                           City Clerk