ISA International Society of Arboriculture

Public Review of Rule Proposal for the New Jersey Tree Expert and Tree Care Operator Licensing Act

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) has been made aware that the <u>New Jersey Board of Tree Experts</u> posted a new licensing rule with the New Jersey Register that would set the standards for professional practices and qualifications for Licensed Tree Experts (LTEs) and Licensed Tree Care Operators (LTCOs). This rule is to be included as a requirement for registering tree care businesses in the State of New Jersey as identified in the act that was passed in January 2010.

The proposed new rules for licensing are open for public review during a 60-day period ending August 26, 2016.

ISA has reviewed the proposed licensing rules to be included with the act and has identified some questions and concerns regarding the licensing requirements. We encourage our members and ISA Certified Arborists[™], especially those in New Jersey and surrounding states, to review the information listed below and to <u>submit comments</u> by the deadline of August 26, 2016.

- New Jersey Board of Tree Experts Press Release
- Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 7:3A
- ISA Questions to Consider regarding Licensing Act

You can submit comments via one of the following options:

- <u>Submit</u> Your Comments Online.
- Email comments directly to the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts at <u>njtreeexperts@gmail.com</u>.
- Mail written comments to the Board's office at: 101 West Veteran's Highway, Jackson, NJ 08527.

If you have questions regarding ISA's review of the rules, contact <u>Kevin Martlage</u>, ISA Director of Professional Development.

Thank you for your support of professional practice and standards within the arboriculture industry.

Sincerely, ISA Headquarters

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