

Tree Ordinance

WHEREAS, Trumann, Arkansas seeks to establish a program to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by providing the development of a Community Forest Plan to regulate the planting, maintenance, and removal of public trees, shrubs, and other plants within the City of Trumann.

WHEREAS, in order to develop a Community Forest Plan, a City Tree Board will be establish and will consist of five members, citizens and residents of the City, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council and shall serve without compensation. One member of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall also be a member of the City Tree Board. Initial appointees to the City Tree Board shall have terms as follows: one member for one year, two members for two years, and two members for three years, and thereafter upon the expiration of such initial terms, successor shall be appointed for a term of four years by the Mayor and Council. Vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Mayor and Council. Staff support to the City Tree Board shall be appointed by the Mayor from employees of the Department of Public Works or Department of Parks and Recreation.

The City Tree Board shall hold regular meetings and may call special meetings if necessary to carry out its duties.

The City Tree Board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings and file them with the City Clerk.

The City Tree Board shall have the responsibility to study, investigate, consult, develop, update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting or removal of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. This plan shall be recommended to the Mayor and Council and upon their acceptance and approval shall be implemented as the "City Tree Master Plan."

The City Tree Board shall recommend to the City the genus and species of trees to be planted on public lands and upon request, to advise owners of private land about the trees to be planted on private land; and further, where authorized by this ordinance or other Ordinances, review and comment on the landscaping and buffering plans of private developments.

The City Tree Board will investigate available grants, loans or contributions from other governmental agencies, public or private corporations or individuals. This board will recommend expenditure of said monies to the Mayor and Council.

The City Tree Board will encourage and foster the planting of trees and other vegetation for the beautification of the City; and disseminate information to the public concerning proper selection and care of trees.

WHEREAS, the provisions of this ordinance are declared separable, and if any provision shall for any reason be held illegal, or invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

PASSED THIS 14 DAY OF December, 2004.

APPROVED:

Ronnie Harrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patsy Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer