

CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS
ORDINANCE NO. _____-2003

AN ORDINANCE QUALIFYING VAN BUREN FOR THE TREE CITY USA PROGRAM

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas.

Section 1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the development of a Community Forestry Plan to address the planting, maintenance and removal of public trees within the City of Van Buren in order to promote the benefits of our community forest resources.

Section 2 Definitions

Public Trees. Trees on public grounds including street rights-of-way, alleys, parks, medians, substations, treatment plants, plazas, squares, public buildings and any other area designated for public use.

Tree. Any self-supporting woody perennial plant, usually having a main stem or trunk and many branches, and at maturity normally attaining a trunk diameter greater than three inches at DBH and a height of over ten feet.

Section 3 Administration

The Tree City USA Board shall be promoting the responsible planting of trees on public and private property, public education about trees, promotion of proper maintenance of trees, advocating trees within the City and developing innovative and joint funding for projects from a variety of sources.

- (A) The Tree City USA Board shall consist of five (5) members, residents of the city, who shall be appointed through the regular boards and committees appointment procedure.
- (B) Terms of membership on the Tree City USA Board shall be for a period of two (2) years, however, three of the initial membership terms shall be for a period of one (1) year so as to provide for staggered membership terms. Should a member be unwilling or unable to serve the full membership term, the vacancy shall be filled, for the unexpired term by, standard appointment procedure.
- (C) Tree City USA Board members shall serve without compensation.
- (D) Tree City USA Board shall hold regular meetings three (3) times a year and may call special meetings if necessary to carry out its duties.
- (E) It shall be the responsibility of the Tree City USA Board 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. Such plan will be presented annually to the City Council and upon their

acceptance and approval shall constitute the official comprehensive tree management plan.

- (F) The Board will investigate available grants, loans or contributions from other governmental, agencies, public or private corporations or individuals.

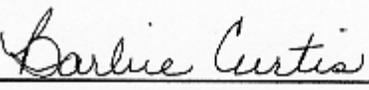
Section 4 Conflicts in Regulation

- (A) Where a conflict arises between this chapter and another ordinance, the more stringent requirement shall apply.
- (B) 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 AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003


MAYOR JOHN RIGGS

ATTESTED:


CITY CLERK/TREASURER