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ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 18609 (NEW SERIES)

ADOPTED ON JAN 11 1999

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 6, OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING DIVISION 5, SECTIONS 26.0501, 26.0502 AND 26.0503 RELATING TO TREE ADVISORY BOARD.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter II, Article 6, of the San Diego Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended by adding Division 5, sections 26.0501, 26.0502 and 26.0503, to read as follows:

DIVISION 5

TREE ADVISORY BOARD

SEC. 26.0501 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Tree Advisory Board to serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on policy issues relating to urban forestry. The vision statement for the Board is to "create mechanisms for establishing, advocating and stewarding, in perpetuity, a healthy urban forest and thereby a healthy, attractive and prosperous city."

SEC. 26.0502 Tree Advisory Board Established

There is hereby created a Tree Advisory Board consisting

of fourteen (14) members, who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. In making the initial appointments, the Mayor shall appoint one (1) member who shall be designated as Chairperson and eight (8) members, one each from a list of two (2) nominations submitted by each Councilmember to represent their district. Additionally, the Mayor shall appoint five (5) members who shall be a Landscape Architect; a Certified Arborist/Urban Forester; a Horticulturist/Nursery Industry representative; a People for Trees representative; and an Artist. The members shall serve three (3) year terms and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. The members shall be appointed such that the terms of not more than five (5) members shall expire in any year. The expiration date of all terms shall be December 31. During January of each year, the Mayor may designate one (1) member as Chairperson; however, in the absence of such designation, the Board shall on or after February 15, select a Chairperson from among its members. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place becomes vacant. The Board shall adopt rules consistent with the law for the government of its business and procedures.

SEC. 26.0503 Duties and Functions

The Board shall:

- (a) Provide advice and recommendations directly to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on all policy issues relating to urban forestry.
- (b) Advocate and formulate proactive urban forestry policies, ordinances and guidelines.
- (c) Prepare a recommended comprehensive urban forestry master plan and conduct a tree inventory.
- (d) Review and comment the coordination of urban forestry related policies and programs.
- (e) Network with other boards, agencies and community residents.
- (f) Act as a general information resource and promote volunteerism.
- (g) Review and comment on the implementation and compliance with urban forestry policies and programs.
- (h) Promote and seek funding for the establishment and sustaining of an urban forestry program.
- (i) Promote and foster a strong sense of community through urban forestry.

Section 2. Initial appointments shall be for terms commencing on January 1, 1999.

Section 3. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its final passage, a written or printed copy having been available to the City Council and the public a day prior to its final passage.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

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