

Article 6: Board and Commissions

Division 5: Community Forest Advisory Board

(“Tree Advisory Board” added 1-11-1999 by O-18609 N.S.)

(Retitled to “Community Forest Advisory Board on 11-12-2002 by O-19119 N.S.)

§26.0501 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Community Forest 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.”

(Amended 11-12-2002 by O-19119 N.S.)

§26.0502 Community Forest Advisory Board Established

There is hereby created a Community Forest Advisory Board consisting of fifteen members, who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Mayor shall appoint one member who shall be designated as Chair and nine members, one each from a list of two nominations submitted by each Councilmember to represent their district. Additionally, the Mayor shall appoint five members who shall be a landscape architect; a certified arborist/urban forester; a horticulturist/nursery industry representative; a representative from a non-profit organization or governmental agency involved with forestry; and an artist. The members shall serve three-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 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 member as Chair; however, in the absence of such designation, the Board shall on or after February 15, select a Chair 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.

(Retitled from “Tree Advisory Board Established” to “Community Forest Advisory Board Established” and amended 11-12-2002 by O-19119 N.S.)

(Amended 7-5-2012 by O-20178 N.S.; effective 8-4-2012.)

§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.
(“Duties and Functions” added 1-11-1999 by O-18609 N.S.)