

Sec. 2-129. - Tree board.

- (a) *Establishment.* That the city does herewith and does hereby create a city tree board.
- (b) *Membership.* That said city tree board shall consist of seven members to be appointed at large by the city council. The members of said board shall be residents of the municipality and shall serve at the pleasure of the city council. Appointments to the board and shall be on the basis of experience or interest in trees.
- (c) *Term of office.* The initial appointments to the city tree board shall be as follows:
 - (1) Two members appointed for a term of one year.
 - (2) Three members appointed for a term of two years.
 - (3) Two members appointed for a term of three years.

Thereafter all appointments shall be made for a term of three years and any member may be reappointed from term to term upon approval of the city council. Appointments to fill any vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Any member who misses two regularly scheduled meetings in a 12-month period (calendar year), without cause and without being excused as specifically approved by the chairman for each absence shall automatically forfeit his or her appointment and the city council shall promptly fill such vacancy. Members may be removed for cause by the appointing authority upon written charges and after a public hearing.

- (d) *Compensation.* Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
- (e) *Meetings.* The city tree board shall establish a regular meeting schedule, but since the board has only advisory authority, it need not conduct its meetings strictly in accordance with the quasi-judicial procedures set forth in article IV, section 2-164 of the City Code of the City of Belle Isle, Florida. Minutes shall be kept of all board proceedings and all board meetings shall be open to the public. Whenever feasible, an agenda shall be made available in advance of board meetings.
- (f) *Operation.* Members of the city tree board shall annually elect a chairman and vice-chairman by majority vote to preside over the board's meetings. The chairman and vice-chairman may take part in all deliberations and vote on all issues. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (g) *Duties and responsibilities.* The city tree board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - (1) Develop and present annually a written community tree management program and supporting work plan which, upon acceptance by city council shall constitute the official comprehensive tree plan for the city.
 - (2) Adopt rules for the conduct of proceedings
 - (3) Make recommendation to the city council upon any matter coming within the scope of its work, as deemed necessary.
 - (4) Prepare plans for the city's annual Arbor Day ceremony.
 - (5) Perform any other duties assigned by the city manager.
- (h) *Membership.* If any section a portion of this ordinance proves to be invalid unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or portion of a section or subsection or part of this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 17-18, §§ 1—8, 12-5-2017; Ord. No. 18-11, § 1, 10-10-2018)