

2-301 Appointive Boards And Commissions; Appointments; Terms Of Office

The appointed members of the following boards and commissions shall first be nominated by the Mayor and then confirmed by a majority of the Council and the number of appointive members of each respective body and their overall respective terms of office shall be as listed below:

- (a) Board of Adjustment: ~~Five~~ seven persons for three-year terms.
- (b) Norman Regional Hospital Authority: Nine persons for three-year terms.
- (c) Board of Park Commissioners: Nine persons for three-year terms; provided, however, one member shall be appointed based on their interest or expertise regarding urban forestry.
- (d) Environmental Control Advisory Board: Nine persons for three-year terms.
- (e) Human Rights Commission: Nine persons for three-year terms.
- (f) Library Board: Nine persons for three-year terms.
- (g) City Planning Commission: Nine persons for three-year terms; provided, however, there shall be a member from each ward and one at-large member;
- (h) Public Housing Authority: Five persons for three-year terms.
- (i) Social and Voluntary Services Commission: Nine persons for three-year terms.
- (j) Board of Appeals: Five persons and one alternate for ~~four~~ three-year terms.
- (k) Historic District Commission: Nine persons for three-year terms. ~~Such commission shall consist of not less than nine citizens, all of whom shall reside in the City and who shall be nominated by the Mayor, and confirmed by the City Council, each for a term of three years; provided, however, that in the first instance, one-third shall be for three years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one year.~~
- (l) Economic Development Advisory Board: Initially consisting of two members appointed for one-year terms, three members appointed for two-year terms and two members appointed for three-year terms. Thereafter, successor appointments shall serve three-year terms.
- (m) Norman Election Commission: Seven members for three-year terms.

36-570 Board of Adjustment

(d) Decisions of the Board of Adjustment.

(1) In exercising the above-mentioned powers, the Board of Adjustment shall reverse or affirm, wholly or in part, shall modify the order, requirement, decision, or determination appealed from, shall make such order, requirement, decision, or determination as ought to be made, so long as such action is in conformity with the terms of this chapter, and to that end shall have the powers of an administrative official from whom the appeal is taken.

(2) The concurring vote of ~~three~~ four members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the administrative official, to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under this chapter, or to affect any variation in the application of this chapter.

ARTICLE 10-II CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURES OF CONTRIBUTORS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

10-201 Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Norman Election Commission means a ~~five~~ seven-member committee, appointed by the Mayor and approved by a majority of the City Council to serve three-year staggered terms. The terms of initial appointments shall be adjusted so as to provide that no more than two terms shall expire in any one year; subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms.

DIVISION 2-III-6 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

2-316 Duties And Powers Of The Board

2-317 Expenditures Of City Funds; Compensation; Reimbursement Of Expenses

2-316 Duties and Powers of the Board

(a) Purpose. The Board of Park Commissioners shall advise the City Council on policies pertaining to the use of the park and recreational facilities of the City and the duties related to trees in Sec. 2-318.

(1) Propose rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, safety, and decency in those parks and recreational facilities;

(2) Consider and investigate any matter affecting the development and improvement of parks and recreational facilities and policies pertaining to the use of those facilities;

(3) Make recommendations to improve the park and recreational facilities;

(4) Make recommendations regarding systems of supervised recreation, and modifications in existing recreational programs;

(5) Provide copies of the minutes of its meetings to the office of the City Clerk within ten days from the date of their approval; and

(6) Provide an annual report of the Board's acts and affairs.

2-318 Duties Related to Trees

(a) Purpose. 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, street trees, and shrubs within the City in order to promote, maintain and improve the urban forest resource of the City. It is not the intent of this division for the City to assume responsibility for trees planted in the rights-of-way by adjacent property owners other than for removal as needed due to damage, hazard, or disease.

(b) Applicability. This section is applicable to trees and shrubs located within street rights-of-way, drainage easements, public parks and on other public property within the City.

(c) Definitions. The following words and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context otherwise requires:

Private trees mean all trees and shrubs other than public or street trees.

Public property means, and shall include any land owned by the City, any real property including parks, easements, and other lands which are owned by the City or held by it in trust for the benefit of the public.

Public trees and shrubs means all trees and shrubs for which any portion of the trunk is located on public property.

Street rights-of-way means a strip of land acquired by purchase, reservation, dedication, forced dedication, prescription or condemnation and intended to be occupied by a roadway or street.

Street trees means all trees and shrubs for which any portion of the trunk is located on street rights-of-way within the City.

(d) Community forestry plan. It shall be the responsibility of the City Tree Board to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update periodically a written plan for the care, preservation, trimming, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of street trees, public trees and shrubs. Such plan shall incorporate an inventory of the existing street trees, public trees and shrubs. The Board of Park Commissioners shall ensure that the plan will be in conformance with the goals and objectives of the current City land use and transportation plan for review and approval. Upon approval and adoption of the recommended plan by the City Council, it shall constitute the official community forestry plan and become a part of the City land use and transportation plan.

(e) Tree planting, maintenance and removal standards. Standards for the planting, maintenance and removal of trees are to be located within the community forestry plan. These standards shall not amend, abridge or modify the prohibition against obstructing motor vehicle operators' line of sight at intersections and entry points along streets.

(f) Tree species. The City Forester, with the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners, shall develop and maintain a list of suitable trees for planting along streets in three size classes: Small, medium and large. A list of trees not suitable for planting shall also be created.

(g) Exemptions. Property owned and used by the schools or any branch of the County, State or federal governments shall be exempt from the provisions of these regulations.

(h) Permit required.

(1) Prior to any tree or shrub being planted in any street right-of-way or public property, as defined above, within the Downtown Revitalization Area or in the Project Area of the Campus Corner Revitalization Project Plan Area and Increment District, a permit must be obtained from the City Forester. The purpose of this permit is to ensure that any trees or shrubs planted within this designated area are consistent with the overall community forestry plan. The Forester shall determine the criteria for granting a permit based upon, but not limited to, the species of tree or shrub, the time of year of planting and a proposed watering plan. In the event a tree or shrub is planted without the proper permit, a ten-day notice shall be given to the property owner to either remove the tree or shrub or obtain a permit. In the event that no permit is obtained or the tree or shrub is not removed, then the City Forester shall remove the tree or shrub.

(2) The project areas are described as:

(a) The Downtown Revitalization Area; and

(b) The Campus Corner Revitalization Project Plan Area and Increment District pursuant to each district's map on file in the office of the City Clerk.

(m) *Report.* In locations where a public hazard is created by a street tree, public tree or shrub the appropriate City department shall cause the abatement of the hazard and subsequently submit a report to the Board of Park Commissioners.

2-346 Duties and Power of the Tree Board

~~(a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this division 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, street trees, and shrubs within the City in order to promote, maintain and improve the urban forest resource of the City. It is not the intent of this division for the City to assume responsibility for trees planted in the rights-of-way by adjacent property owners other than for removal as needed due to damage, hazard, or disease.~~

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~~*Street trees* means all trees and shrubs for which any portion of the trunk is located on street rights-of-way within the City.~~

~~(d) Authority. There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City. The City Tree Board shall consist of a total of nine members comprised of residents of the City. The members shall be appointed at large by the Mayor, with approval of the City Council based on their interest or expertise regarding urban forestry. All members shall serve without compensation and may be removed by the City Council, as provided in this Code. City staff and administrative guidance shall be provided to the City Tree Board by the Parks and Recreation Department or by other City departments as necessary. The implementation of the activities associated with this division shall be dependent upon the City Council's ability to provide funds on an annualized basis.~~

~~(e) Term of office. The term of the nine persons to be appointed by the Mayor shall be three years, except that the term of three of the members appointed to the first Board shall be for only one year and the term of three members of the first Board shall be for two years. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, the successor shall be appointed by the Mayor with approval by the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term.~~

~~(f) *Quorum and operation.*~~

~~(1) *Quorum.* At any meeting of the City Tree Board, a quorum shall consist of five of the appointed members. No action shall be taken in the absence of a quorum. Five affirmative votes shall be required to pass any measure.~~

~~(2) *Meeting.* The City Tree Board shall meet as required in the furtherance of its duties set forth herein.~~

~~(3) *Board officers.* The City Tree Board shall elect a Chairman from its members and shall create and fill such other offices as deemed necessary. The term of the Chairman shall be one year with eligibility for reelection for no more than three consecutive terms.~~

~~(4) *Other operations.* The City Tree Board may develop bylaws or other rules of operation, establish subcommittees, develop and recommend to the City Council regulations, standards and specifications to be adopted separate from or as a part of this division as deemed necessary.~~

~~(g) *Community forestry plan.* It shall be the responsibility of the City Tree Board to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update periodically a written plan for the care, preservation, trimming, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of street trees, public trees and shrubs. Such plan shall incorporate an inventory of the existing street trees, public trees and shrubs. The Tree Board shall ensure that the plan will be in conformance with the goals and objectives of the current City land use and transportation plan by submittal to the Planning Commission for review and approval. Upon approval and adoption of the recommended plan by the City Council, it shall constitute the official community forestry plan and become a part of the City land use and transportation plan.~~

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~~(i) *Tree species.* The City Forester, with the approval of the City Tree Board, shall develop and maintain a list of suitable trees for planting along streets in three size classes: Small, medium and large. A list of trees not suitable for planting shall also be created.~~

~~(j) *Review by the City Council.* The City Council shall have the right to review the acts and decisions of the City Tree Board.~~

~~(k) *Exemptions.* Property owned and used by the schools or any branch of the County, State or federal governments shall be exempt from the provisions of these regulations.~~

~~(m) *Permit required.*~~

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~~(m) *Report.* In locations where a public hazard is created by a street tree, public tree or shrub the appropriate City department shall cause the abatement of the hazard and subsequently submit a report to the City Tree Board.~~

DIVISION 2-111-17 ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

2-347 Duties and Powers of the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee

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(a) Purpose. Provide advice and recommendations to the City Council related to the Norman Animal Shelter and issues pertaining to animal care and welfare, animal rescue, fostering and adoption, control of the animal population, standards for animal shelters, recruiting volunteers, budget priorities as identified by the Committee and suggest modifications to the City of Norman Code of Ordinances.

(b) Authority. There is hereby created a newly established an Animal Welfare Oversight Committee for the City. The Animal Welfare Oversight Committee shall consist of seven members appointed at-large by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. Membership in one or more of the following categories is preferred, but not required:

- (1) Veterinarian;
- (2) Local animal welfare organizations; and
- (3) At least one citizen from a rural area.

All members serve without compensation and may be removed by the City Council as provided in the Code. City staff and administrative guidance shall be provided by the Normal Animal Welfare staff and other City departments as necessary.

(c) Term of office. The term of the seven persons appointed by the Mayor shall be three years, except that the term of two members of the newly established Animal Welfare Oversight Committee shall be for only one year, the term of two members will be for two years and three members shall be for three years. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, the successor shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the unexpired portion of that term.

(d) Quorum and operation.

(1) Quorum. At any meeting of the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee, a quorum shall consist of four of the appointed members. No action shall be taken in the absence of a quorum. Four affirmative votes shall be required to pass any measure.

(2) Board officers. The Animal Welfare Oversight Committee shall elect a Chairman from its members and shall create and fill such other offices as deemed necessary. The term of Chair shall be one year with eligibility for reelection for no more than two consecutive terms.