

CHAPTER 43
TREE ORDINANCE

Section 1. Arbor Commission Established

The Arbor Commission is hereby established. The Arbor Commission shall consist of nine individuals appointed by the City Council. The purpose of the Arbor Commission is to undertake projects supporting the planting, maintenance, removal and pruning of trees on the streets or other public sites in the city.

Section 2. Master Tree Plan

The Arbor Commission shall have the authority to formulate a master street tree plan with the advice and approval of the City Council. The master street tree plan shall specify the species of trees to be planted on each of the streets or other public sites of the city, to which all planting shall conform thereto.

Section 3. Abuse and Mutilation of Public Trees

Unless authorized by the Arbor Commission, no person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any public tree, attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising posters, or other contrivance to any tree, allow any gaseous, liquid or solid substance which is harmful to such trees to come in contact with them, or set fire or permit any fire to burn when such fire or the heat thereof will injure any portion of such tree. The city may recover the full cost of repair or replacement of such mutilated tree.

Adopted July 8, 1991

A true copy

Attest: Terri A. Kelley City Clerk