

## CHAPTER 15: PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

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#### Sec. 15-1. PURPOSE AND NAME.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a Parks and Tree Commission for the city and define its duties and responsibilities. This chapter shall be known as the “Parks and Tree Commission Chapter”. (Ord. 199, adopted 5-10-1982)

#### Sec. 15-2. DEFINITIONS.

A. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**COMMISSION.** The City Parks and Tree Commission created and established by this chapter.

**DEPARTMENT.** The Department of Public Works of the city.

**PARK.** All public parks having individual names and all areas, whether owned by the city or not, to which the public has free access as a park.

**SUPERINTENDENT.** The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works or his or her authorized representative.

**TREE.** Unless the context clearly, indicates otherwise, means tree, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation.

B. The provisions of this chapter, except as otherwise specifically stated herein, shall apply only to public streets, parkways, parks and other land publicly owned or controlled by the city. (Ord. 199, adopted 5-10-1982)

**Sec. 15-3. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION.**

The City Parks and Trees Commission shall consist of seven members who are residents of the city appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. Included in the seven members shall be the Superintendent and at least one Council member.

(Ord. 199, adopted 5-10-1982)

**Sec. 15-4. TERM OF OFFICE.**

The term of office of the appointed members shall be two years, except for the City Superintendent who shall be “standing” and the City Council representative which shall be coincident with the person’s elected term of office. The first Commission appointed pursuant to this chapter shall consist of three non-Council members who shall serve three-year terms and two members who shall serve two-year terms, the City Council member and the Superintendent.

(Ord. 199, adopted 5-10-1982)

**Sec. 15-5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

A. The Commission may study, investigate, counsel, develop, update annually and administer a written plan of work for the development and maintenance of parks and park amenities and the maintenance, preservation, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas.

B. The Commission may review the tree ordinance and parks ordinance adopted and make recommendations to the City Council with regard to any proposed amendments which would promote the purpose of this chapter.

(Ord. 199, adopted 5-10-1982)

**Sec. 15-6. OPERATION.**

The Commission shall choose its own officers, promulgate its own rules and policies necessary to implement the objectives of this chapter and shall keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At a minimum, the Commission shall meet one time each year during the month of January.

(Ord. 199, adopted 5-10-1982; Ord. 295, adopted 12-26-1995)