

ORDINANCE NO. 623

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF
THE CITY OF CLINTON CODE BOOK RELATIVE
TO A TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton has determined it is in the City's best interest to create a Tree Advisory Board in order to assist the City in the care of trees located on public property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Title 2, of the municipal code is amended by adding the following as Chapter 3 – Tree Advisory Board:

Section 2-301. Membership, terms, compensation and vacancies. There is hereby created a tree advisory board which shall consist of seven (7) persons, as follows: four (4) citizens without special qualifications; the Mayor of the City or his/her designee; the Director of Public Works or his/her designee; and the Director of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee. The four (4) citizen members shall be appointed by the City Mayor and ratified by City Council to service for terms of four (4) years or until their successors are appointed. However, the first citizen members shall be appointed with two (2) members to serve for two (2) years and two (2) members to serve for four (4) years. The members of such board shall serve without pay. Any vacancy in the board occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled only for the unexpired term, and such appointment shall be made by the mayor.

Section 2-302. General powers and duties. It shall be the responsibility of the board:

- 1) To develop and administer a comprehensive written plan for the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees or other growth on all municipal lands and along public streets. This plan shall designate the appropriate tree species to be planted upon public property; the appropriate requirements for spacing; the distances from curb or sidewalk, street corners and fireplugs; and the location of utilities when planting trees. Such plan shall be presented annually to the city council and upon their acceptance and approval shall constitute the official comprehensive city tree plan for the City of Clinton.
- 2) To establish policies concerning the care of trees on public property including, but not limited to, such matters as tree topping, pruning, removal of dead or diseased trees and removal of stumps.
- 3) Upon request by the city council or city manager to consider, investigate, make findings, report and make recommendations upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

Section 2-303. Definitions. (1) "Street trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues, or ways within the city. (2) "Park trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation in public parks and all areas owned by the City, or to which the public has free access as a park.

Section 2-304. Operation. The board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations, and keep a record of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

APPROVED:



Scott Burton, Mayor

Regina Ridenour, City Recorder

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Passed Second Reading: October 24, 2016