

ORDINANCE NO. 618

## AN ORDINANCE TO FORMULATE A TREE BOARD

WHEREAS, trees are recognized as a valid asset providing a more healthful and beautiful environment in which to live. They provide oxygen, shade, aesthetics, and a priceless psychological counterpoint to the man-made urban setting. Trees are economically beneficial in attracting new industry, residents and visitors. When grown in the right place and of the proper varieties, they enhance the value and marketability of property and promote the stability of desirable neighborhoods. Unless and until otherwise directed by the Mayor, an appointed group of interested city residents shall serve on a committee within the framework of the Mayor and Council, which shall be known as the "Tree Board Committee."

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roanoke, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City of Roanoke, Alabama, which shall consist of at least five (5) citizens and residents of this City, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.

Section 2: The Board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. This committee shall meet at such times as provided in the minutes of their meetings, and in addition, meetings may be called by the Mayor or two (2) of the members of the committee.

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Section 4: The duties of the Tree Board Committee shall be: to each year make studies of the Urban Forest and report on its status to the Mayor and Council; to each year make recommendations to the Mayor and Council that will enhance and improve the Urban Forest for all citizens of Roanoke, Alabama. Recommendations may include but shall not be limited to advising the Mayor and Council on the needs of the municipality in connection with its tree-planting program; to recommend the type and kind of trees to be planted upon municipal streets, parks and other public places within the municipality; to assist the Mayor and Council in the dissemination of news and information regarding the protection, maintenance, removal and planting of trees on public property and, where requested by the owner, on private property; to meet with the City Planning Commission and assist and give advice in the formulation of a master street plan by recommending the use and species of trees in the formulation of said plan; to recommend to the Mayor and Council which trees are considered unwanted weed trees, and identify and recommend removal of dead, dying, diseased or insect-infested trees.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 1984.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk