

CHAPTER 24
TREE BOARD

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24.01 TREE BOARD. There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City of Perry, which consists of five members, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. Such member shall reside in the Perry Community School District.

24.02 TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of the members of the Board shall be staggered three-year terms. Each term shall commence on April 1. The regular full term of office for a member of the City Tree Board shall be three years and shall expire on April 1 of the third year. For the purpose of creating staggered terms, three initial members shall be appointed to three-year terms expiring on April 1, 2010, and two initial members shall be appointed to two-year terms expiring on April 1, 2009. If the office of a member of the City Tree Board becomes vacant prior to the normal expiration of its fixed term for any reason, a member shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, to fill such vacancy for the remainder of such unexpired term.

1. Removal. A member of the Tree Board may be removed from office upon written order filed by the Mayor with the City Clerk and sent by certified mail to the person to be removed. A member of the Tree Board who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be removed from office by reason thereof as reported by the Board Chairperson to the Mayor.

24.03 COMPENSATION. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

24.04 TREE LIST. The Tree Board shall maintain a list of desirable trees for planting as well as a list of trees not permitted for planting. This list will be updated and maintained on a regular basis by the Board.

24.05 POWERS AND DUTIES. The Board shall have and exercise the following powers and duties:

1. Selection of Officers. The Board shall choose annually at its first regular meeting one of its members to act as Chairperson and another as

Vice Chairperson, who shall perform all of the duties of the Chairperson during the Chairperson's absence or disability.

2. Adopt Rules and Regulations. The Board shall adopt such rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure as it may deem necessary.

3. Limitation on Entering Contracts. The Board shall have no power to contract debts but may present expenditure requests to the Perry City Council regarding proposed needs the Board deems prudent for projects.

4. It shall be the duty of the Tree Board to prepare, revise annually and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of trees and shrubs located within the right-of-way boundaries of all City streets or located on any other property owned by the City.

5. The Board shall determine based upon the Tree Ordinance of the City of Perry Code of Ordinances the variety of trees that will be allowed to be planted in right-of-ways, City parks, or on any other City property.

6. The Board shall determine through physical inspection what trees need to be removed in right-of-ways, City parks, or on any other City property.

7. A regular tree inspection schedule shall be carried out by the Board with the Board having the authority to determine the priority of a tree that should be removed or planted.

8. Long range plans for tree removal and planting will be developed by the Board and be presented to the Perry City Council.

(Former Chapter 24, Parks Commission, repealed by Ord. 857 – Mar. 07 Supp.)

(New Chapter 24, Tree Board, added by Ord. 855 – Mar. 07 Supp.)

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