
Sec. 18-86. City beautification and tree board.

- (a) *Created.* There is hereby created a city beautification and tree board for the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida.
- (b) *Membership.* The board shall be composed of five (5) members appointed by the city council as follows:

Two (2) initial members shall be appointed for a two-year term; three (3) initial members shall be appointed for a four-year term; and thereafter, all appointed members shall serve a four-year term. In lieu of appointing a board, the city council may stand as the city beautification and tree board.
- (c) *Organization and meetings.*
 - (1) The board shall, at its initial meeting and annually thereafter, elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer, who shall serve in said capacities for a period of one (1) year and thereafter, until a replacement has been duly elected by the board. The board shall have the authority to appoint ex officio members to their body; provided that such members shall have no voting rights. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum to do business, and its proceedings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.
 - (2) All board meetings shall be open to the public.
- (d) *Termination of membership.* Should any board member fail to attend a sufficient number of its meetings or fail to participate otherwise in the board's activities, the remaining board members may request the city council to terminate the membership of said member and appoint a replacement to serve out said member's term of office.
- (e) *Duties.* The beautification and tree board will have the following duties:
 - (1) Conduct surveys and studies of the present condition of all plant life on city properties, rights-of-way and other areas, as the board may determine appropriate;
 - (2) Inform itself of the location of utility lines, above and underground, along street rights-of-way;
 - (3) Set forth a long-range plan for tree planting and city beautification;
 - (4) Determine the annual needs (annual community forestry plan) to be implemented with recommendations of the procedures and personnel needed to accomplish same;
 - (5) Submit, to the city council, a recommended budget for the estimated costs of implementing the community forestry and beautification plans, including, but not limited to, planting of ornamental trees on public rights-of-way;
 - (6) To cooperate with private property owners in obtaining ornamental plantings and the proper procedures for planting and maintaining same;
 - (7) To inform the public, through civic clubs and other organizations, of the needs of citizen and organization participation in tree planting and care and city beautification;
 - (8) Organize an Arbor Day observance ceremony or event and propose a proclamation for the city council approval and declaration; and
 - (9) In general, to make periodic reports and recommendations to the city council, concerning the aforesaid.
- (f) *Appropriations to support projects.* The city council will, annually, appropriate funds as the council considers appropriate and justified for plants, chemicals, equipment, labor, etc., to support the approved tree planting and beautification projects. This may include the funding of the various city departments such as public works for tree planting and maintenance of trees on public grounds and in public rights-of-way.

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