

Ordinance 03-98

ORDINANCE NO. 3-98

BY: Richard F. Weber

An Ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley, Ohio, by adding Chapter 286 to create a Tree Commission.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of controlled and planned planting, growth and maintenance of trees within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that such controlled and planned planting, growth and maintenance along with the education of residents with respect to this matter is necessary to maintain and ensure the aesthetic character of the community and the safety of the residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage such proper planting and maintenance and the education of its residents. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley are hereby amended by the addition of Chapter 286 as follows:

CHAPTER 286  
TREE COMMISSION

286.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) There is established in and for the City a Tree Commission consisting of five voting members, appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, in accordance with Section 8(f) of the City Charter. To the extent practicable, voting members shall possess expertise in the areas of landscape architecture, horticulture or related areas. Ex-officio members of the Commission shall be the Service Director who shall represent the Mayor; the Grounds Maintenance Superintendent, who shall provide expert advice and administrative assistance regarding matters before the Commission; and the Chairman of the Parks and Forestry Committee of Council who shall represent Council.
- (b) Voting members shall serve for a term of three years. Initially, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, two members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and two members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

286.02 ORGANIZATION.

- (a) The Commission shall select one voting member as Chairperson and one voting member as Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall each serve for a one year term and may serve successive terms as such.
- (b) All Commission members shall serve without compensation. Vacancies caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments are made.

- (c) The Commission shall meet regularly at such time and place as it shall decide and shall meet at such special meetings as shall be called by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson after twenty-four hours notice to each member. The Commission may appoint committees comprised of not less than three members to consider specific issues. All meetings shall be open to the general public, except as provided by Chapter 223.
- (d) The Commission shall adopt rules to govern the conduct of its business and shall keep minutes of its proceedings.
- (e) The Commission shall periodically report its findings and activities to Council and the public.

286.03 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

The Commission shall:

- (a) Study the problems and determine the needs of the City relative to a municipal tree care and tree planting program, develop a written plan for such municipal tree care and tree planting program and make recommendations from time to time to Council as to legislation concerning the tree program and activities for the municipality.
- (b) Establish the recommended species and varieties of trees to be planted in the tree lawns and on public lands.
- (c) Disseminate news and information regarding the selection, planting, and maintenance of trees within the corporate limits, whether the same be on private or public property.
- (d) When requested by the Mayor or Council, consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming with the scope of its work.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: February 10, 1998

Jeffrey M. O'Connell  
President of Council

Attest: Rachel A. Levin  
Clerk of Council

2/10/98 sup & adopt  
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Approved: 2/10, 1998  
David H. Madison  
David H. Madison, Mayor