

Ordinance 87-98

ORDINANCE NO. 87 -98

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An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3-98 of the City of Bexley, Ohio, to change the name and the duties and functions of the Bexley Tree Commission.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3-98 created the Bexley Tree Commission and established the duties and functions of the Tree Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission has been formed and has, through consensus of the group, created a name and duties and functions that are appropriate to their mission. NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 3-98 should be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

CHAPTER 286
TREE AND PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION

286.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) There is established in and for the City a Tree *AND PUBLIC GARDENS* Commission consisting of ~~five~~ NINE 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 ARBORICULTURE, landscape architecture, horticulture, URBAN PLANNING & REDEVELOPMENT 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~~ THREE memberS shall be appointed for a term of one year, ~~two~~ THREE members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and ~~two~~ THREE 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.

FOR THOSE LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY PARKS DEPARTMENT, the Commission shall:

- (a) Study the problems and determine the needs of the City relative to a municipal tree AND PUBLIC GARDEN 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 AND PUBLIC GARDEN program and activities for the municipality.
- (b) Establish the recommended species and varieties of trees AND MAJOR LANDSCAPING to be planted in the tree lawns and ~~on~~ IN public lands GARDENS.
- (c) Disseminate news and information regarding the selection, planting, and maintenance of trees AND PUBLIC GARDENS 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 within 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: October 27, 1998

J. P. McCall
President of Council

Attest: Richard A. Lewis
Clerk of Council

Sept. 22, 1998 - first reading

Oct. 13, 1998 second reading

October 27, 1998 - third reading passed

Approved: 10/27, 1998

D. H. Madison
David H. Madison, Mayor

Tree Commission amendments