

By: Richard Sharp

An Ordinance authorizing the Tree and Public Gardens Commission to pursue, develop and maintain a program to brand the City of Bexley as an Arboretum.

*Programs and activities that identify and promote*

**Whereas,** The City of Bexley (the City) has been a Tree City USA for 23 years; and

**Whereas,** The City has a Parks Department with three certified arborists; and

**Whereas,** The City has had a Tree and Public Gardens Commission for over a decade;

and

**Whereas,** The City has designated historic and landmark trees throughout the community; and

**Whereas,** The City has a recommended street tree for every street in the community; and

**Whereas,** more than \$700,000 has been raised in private funds from residents, institutions and businesses, which with government funding has formed a unique private/public partnership with the Bexley Beautification Fund and Trees for Bexley; and

**Whereas,** by the end of 2011, Bexley will have one street tree for every Bexley resident; Therefore

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

**Section 1:** Chapter 288.03 of the Bexley City Administrative Code relating to the duties and functions of the Tree and Public Gardens Commission shall be amended by adding the following new paragraph:

(d) Pursue, develop and maintain a program to brand the City of Bexley as an Arboretum, in such a way as to: *Programs and activities that identify and promote*

(1) Encourage additional visitors, residents, and commercial and not for profit entities to come to the City,

(2) Bring in new and complementary economic activities within the City through the program,

(3) Be an additional avenue for obtaining grants and voluntary contributions from individuals and other entities in financial support of the duties and functions of the Tree and Public Gardens Commission, and

(5) (4) Whenever possible, coordinate with the goals of the Bexley Land Use Strategy recommendations, especially with regard to the Alum Creek Study area.

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**Section 2:** Existing paragraph (d) of Chapter 288.03 be re-designated as paragraph (e)  
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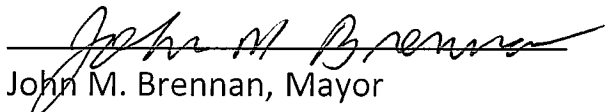
**Section 3:** That this ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: Oct. 25, 2011

Attest:   
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council

Approved: 10/25, 2011

  
John M. Brennan, Mayor

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