

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA DATE:** August 19, 2008 (Introduction) August 26, 2008 (Hearing and Action)

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Joel McKnight (915) 541-4354

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**SUBJECT:**

An Ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.77 (City Tree Board), Section 2.77.010 (Committee Established – Membership), Section 2.77.030 (Duties), Section 2.77.040 (Members Shall Hold No Other Public Office nor Receive Compensation for Their Service), Section 2.77.050 (Quorum – Final Action)

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The revisions make it easier to fill all appointments to the Tree Board, define the Tree Board as an advisory committee, and make it easier to establish a quorum.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**

City Council approved amendments regulating appointment terms on March 28, 2006.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

No funds are required.

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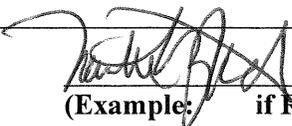
**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

On Monday July 28, 2008, The Tree Board approved the revisions and recommended that Council take action.

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 2.77 (CITY TREE BOARD), SECTION 2.77.010 (COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED – MEMBERSHIP), SECTION 2.77.030 (DUTIES), 2.77.040 (MEMBERS SHALL HOLD NO OTHER PUBLIC OFFICE NOR RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICE), 2.77.050 (QUORUM—FINAL ACTION)**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.77 (City Tree Board), Section 2.77.010 (Committee established – Membership.) of the El Paso City Code be amended in its entirety as follows:

**2.77.010 Committee established – Membership.**

The city tree board is hereby established. The city tree board shall be composed of nine members. Each city council member shall appoint one representative, and the mayor shall appoint one representative. The city tree board shall be selected as follows:

- A. Five members from the following backgrounds shall be represented, with no one field constituting a majority of the entire board: certified arborists, the West Texas Urban Forestry Council members, professional horticulturists, agronomists, nurserymen, foresters, landscape architects, landscape designers, and/or landscape contractors.
- B. The remaining four members, insofar as possible, shall represent diverse interests of the community.
- C. The city arborist of the City of El Paso will serve as an ex-officio member without the right to vote and will not be counted for purposes of constituting a quorum.
- D. The City’s Parks and Recreation Department Director shall designate a Parks and Recreation Department employee to serve as the recording secretary and shall provide administrative and technical staff support to the city tree board.

2. That Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.77 (City Tree Board), Section 2.77.030 (Duties.) of the El Paso City Code be amended in its entirety as follows:

**2.77.030 Duties.**

The tree board shall act as an advisory committee to the mayor and city council in efforts to promote close cooperation between the city and all private citizens, institutions and agencies interested in the establishment, development, and sustainability of the urban forest. The tree board shall advise on proposed changes to the tree care ordinance, landscape ordinance, the city’s approved list of plants to be planted on public property and within public rights-of-way, and guidelines for the planting, maintenance and removal of trees. The tree board shall perform such other duties as may be requested from time to time by the City Manager, with the goal of increasing the tree canopy cover throughout the city.

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3. That Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.77 (City Tree Board), Section 2.77.040 (Members shall hold no other public office nor receive compensation for their service.) of the El Paso City Code be amended in its entirety as follows:

**2.77.040 Members shall hold no other public office nor receive compensation for their service.**

A. No appointed member of the city tree board shall hold any other public office of honor, trust or profit in the government of the city.

B. Members of the city tree board shall serve without pay.

4. That Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.77 (City Tree Board), Section 2.77.050 (Quorum—Final action.) of the El Paso City Code be amended in its entirety as follows:

**2.77.050 Quorum--Final action.**

A quorum of the city tree board shall consist of a majority of the number of members currently appointed. The chair shall have a vote in all matters. No final action shall be taken on any matter except pursuant to a simple majority vote of the members present.

5. Except as herein amended, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

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John F. Cook, Mayor

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Josette Flores  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Nanette L. Smejkal, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

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