

## Chapter 20

### TREES AND LANDSCAPING\*

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#### Section 20-45A ARTICLE III. THOMASVILLE TREE AND LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

##### Section 20-46 Created; membership; term; quorum.

(a) There is hereby created the Thomasville Tree and Landscaping Committee, referred to throughout this chapter as the "Tree Committee", to consist of eight (8) members, each such member to be appointed by the City Council as follows: seven (7) members shall be appointed from City residents at large, and the City Manager or the City Manager's designee is hereby appointed as the eighth member and designated as permanent chairperson with voting privileges.

(b) The terms of the members of the Tree Committee shall be for two (2) years, except that as to the first Tree Committee established pursuant to this chapter, three members shall be designated to serve until December 31, 2005, and four members shall be designated to serve until December 31, 2006. Each Tree Committee member shall serve until his or her successor takes office, and any vacancy shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment and for the unexpired term. The City Council shall also have the authority to remove any member at the discretion of the Council by majority vote.

(c) Four (4) Tree Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

(Code 1958, § 22B-21)

(2004 (20-46), Amended, 02/28/2005; 2003(20-46), Amended, 11/24/2003, combined tree & landscaping boards)

##### Section 20-47 Compensation of members; officers.

Members of the committee shall serve without salary or remuneration. They shall annually elect from among their number a vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

(Code 1958, § 22B-22)

Section 20-48 Calling of meetings.

A meeting may be called at any time by the chairman or any two (2) committee members.  
(Code 1958, § 22B-23)

Section 20-49 Committee empowered to accept contributions.

The committee is authorized to accept contributions and to expend such contributions for the purposes of carrying out its duties and obligations imposed by this chapter.  
(Code 1958, § 22B-24)

Section 20-50 Rules; records.

The committee may adopt bylaws and rules and regulations; may provide such printed forms to be used as shall be necessary to govern its proceedings and to effectuate the provisions of this chapter; and may cause such studies to be made as it deems necessary. All costs for administering the procedures set forth in section 20-28 must be approved by the city council or covered by private subscription. The committee shall keep a record of its proceedings and a register of all applications made to it and its action thereon, all of which shall be a matter of public record.  
(Code 1958, § 22B-25)

Section 20-51 Duties.

The committee shall take active steps to organize subcommittees to:

- (1) Educate the public as to the economic and aesthetic benefits of trees to the city and its citizens, both on publicly owned property and privately owned property;
- (2) Promote the care, fertilization, protection and other measures desirable for the health and growth of existing trees in street rights-of-way in the city;
- (3) Promote replacement of trees, which of necessity (because of age, decay, etc.) must be removed; and
- (4) Protect trees located in street rights-of-way in the city from damage, removal, lack of sustenance or any other act or condition which might threaten the health and growth of such trees.

(Code 1958, § 22B-26)

Section 20-52 Article not to affect ownership of trees; committee duties limited.

The city and other governmental subdivisions and agencies of the state shall continue to be the owners of and subject to the provisions of this chapter, and shall continue to be responsible for the maintenance of and care for all trees on publicly owned property. The committee shall have no duties other than those specifically stated in this chapter.

(Code 1958, § 22B-27)

Section 20-53 Cooperation with other agencies.

The committee shall cooperate with and coordinate its activities with the street department, the department of parks and cemeteries, and other departments of the city, and all agencies of the city shall cooperate with the committee.

(Code 1958, § 22B-28)

Section 20-54 20-54--20-70. Reserved.