

ORDINANCE NO. 1993-23

BILL NO. 124

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2  
(ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE  
CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER  
2.18 A CHAPTER ESTABLISHING THE CARSON  
CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS  
PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Fiscal effect: None

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARSON CITY DO ORDAIN:

SECTION I:

That Chapter 2.18 is hereby added as follows:

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SHADE TREE COUNCIL

SECTION II:

That Section 2.18.010 is hereby added to the Carson  
City Municipal Code as follows:

2.18.010 Creation of Shade Tree Council.

1. There is hereby established the Carson City shade tree council.
2. The council shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the board of supervisors.
3. The purpose of the shade tree council is to provide the board of supervisors with advice on matters concerning the development, maintenance, management and promotion of a safe healthy and attractive urban forest in Carson City. The advice provided to the board may include recommendations on management, planning, education,

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1 interagency cooperation, resource development and other  
2 related matters.

3 SECTION III:

4 That Section 2.18.020 of the Carson City Municipal  
5 Code is hereby added as follows:

6 2.18.020 Membership and Term of Office.

7 1. All members of the council must be qualified  
8 electors of Carson City and at least one member must be a  
9 member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

10 2. All members of the council serve two year terms  
11 which commence and end on January 1st.

12 3. Upon recommendation of the shade tree council  
13 the board of supervisors may remove for cause any member of  
14 the council for dereliction of duty, non participation,  
15 failure to attend more than 75% of the regularly scheduled  
16 meetings of the council or for any other reason shown to be  
17 just cause.

18 4. All members of the shade tree council serve  
19 without compensation.

20 SECTION IV:

21 That Section 2.18.030 of the Carson City Municipal  
22 Code is hereby added as follows:

23 2.18.030 Meetings and officers.

24 1. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum.

25 2. The council meets at the call of the  
26 chairperson or upon a decision of the majority of the members.

27 3. At its first regularly scheduled meeting of  
28 every calendar year the the council shall elect from its

1 membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The  
2 chairperson and vice-chairperson hold office for one calendar  
3 year or until their successors are determined.

4 4. The council must hold at least one regularly  
5 scheduled meeting per quarter.

6 SECTION V:

7 That no other provisions of Title 2 of the Carson  
8 City Municipal Code are affected by this ordinance.

9 PROPOSED this 6th day of May, 1993.

10 PROPOSED by Supervisor Tom Tatro

11 PASSED on the 20th day of May, 1993.

12 VOTE: AYES:

13 Greg Smith

14 Janice Ayres

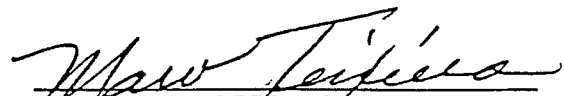
15 Tom Tatro

16 Kay Bennett

17 Marv Teixeira, Mayor

18 NAYES: None

19 ABSENT: None

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22 MARV TEIXEIRA, Mayor

22 ATTEST:

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24 KIYOSHI NISHIKAWA, Clerk/Recorder

25 This ordinance shall be in force and effect from  
26 and after the 31st day of May, 1993.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1998-8

BILL NO. 105

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CCMC 2.18.020 (MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE) ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ONE MEMBER OF THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL BE A MEMBER OF THE CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Fiscal effect: None

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CARSON CITY DO ORDAIN:

SECTION I:

That Section 2.18.020 of the Carson City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.18.020 Membership and Term of Office.

1. All members of the council must be qualified electors of Carson City[ and at least one member must be a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission].

2. All members of the council serve two year terms which commence and end on January 1st.

3. Upon recommendation of the shade tree council the board of supervisors may remove for cause any member of the council for dereliction of duty, non participation, failure to attend more than 75% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the council or for any other reason shown to be just cause.

4. All members of the shade tree council serve without compensation.

SECTION II:

That no other provisions of Chapter 2.18 of the Carson City Municipal Code are affected by this ordinance.

PROPOSED this 8th day of January, 1998.

PROPOSED by Kay Bennett.

PASSED on the      day of           , 1998

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VOTE:

AYES: Greg Smith, Tom Tatro,

Kay Bennett, and Mayor

Ray Masayko

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Jon Plank

*Ray Masayko*

Ray Masayko, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Latherine L. Laughlin, Deputy for*

Alan Gloyer, Clerk/Recorder

This ordinance is in force and effect from and after the 2nd day of February, 1998.



# Tree City USA Standards

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, you must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying [community\\*](#) would have a viable tree management program and that no community would be excluded because of size.

## Four Standards for Tree City USA Recognition

■ Standard 1 | ■ Standard 2 | ■ Standard 3 | ■ Standard 4

### Standard 1

#### A Tree Board or Department

Someone must be legally responsible for the care of all trees on city- or town-owned property. By delegating tree care decisions to a professional forester, arborist, city department, citizen-led tree board or some combination, city leaders determine who will perform necessary tree work. The public will also know who is accountable for decisions that impact community trees. Often, both professional staff and an advisory tree board are established, which is a good goal for most communities.

The formation of a tree board often stems from a group of citizens. In some cases a mayor or city officials have started the process. Either way, the benefits are immense. Involving residents and business owners creates wide awareness of what trees do for the community and provides broad support for better tree care.



### A Tree Care Ordinance



A basic public tree care ordinance forms the foundation of a city's tree care program. It provides an opportunity to set good policy and back it with the force of law when necessary.

A key section of a qualifying ordinance is one that establishes the tree board or forestry department—or both—and gives one of them the responsibility for public tree care (as reflected in Standard 1). It should also assign the task of crafting and implementing a plan of work or for documenting annual tree care activities.


Ideally, the ordinance will also provide clear guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees from streets, parks and other public spaces as well as activities that are required or prohibited. Beyond that, the ordinance should be flexible enough to fit the needs and circumstances of the particular community.

For tips and a checklist of important items to consider in writing or improving a tree ordinance, see [Tree City USA Bulletin #9](#).

## Standard 3

### A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

City trees provide many benefits—clean air, clean water, shade and beauty to name a few—but they also require an investment to remain healthy and sustainable. By providing support at or above the \$2 per capita minimum, a community demonstrates its commitment to grow and tend these valuable public assets. Budgets and expenditures require planning and accountability, which are fundamental to the long-term health of the tree canopy and the Tree City USA program.

- ☰  To meet this standard each year, the community must document at least \$2 per capita toward the planting, care and removal of city trees—and the planning efforts to make those things happen. At first this may seem like an impossible barrier to some communities. However, a little investigation usually reveals that more than this amount is already being spent on tree care. If not, this may signal serious neglect that will cost far more in the long run. In such a case, working toward Tree City USA recognition can be used to reexamine the community's budget priorities and redirect funds to properly care for its tree resources before it is too late.

## Standard 4

### An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

An effective program for community trees would not be complete without an annual Arbor Day ceremony. Citizens join together to celebrate the benefits of community trees and the work accomplished to plant and maintain them. By passing and reciting an official Arbor Day proclamation, public officials demonstrate their support for the community tree program and complete the requirements for becoming a Tree City USA!

This is the least challenging—and probably most enjoyable—standard to meet. An Arbor Day celebration can be simple and brief or an all-day or all-week observation. It can include a tree planting event, tree care activities or an award ceremony that honors leading tree planters. For children, Arbor Day may be their only exposure to the green world or a springboard to discussions about the complex issue of environmental quality.

The benefits of Arbor Day go far beyond the shade and beauty of new trees for the next generation. Arbor Day is a golden opportunity for publicity and to educate homeowners about proper tree care. Utility companies can join in to promote planting small trees beneath power lines or being careful when digging. Fire prevention messaging can also be worked into the event, as can conservation education about soil erosion or the need to protect wildlife habitat.



Tree City USA is an Arbor Day Foundation program in cooperation with:

