

VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1169

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC SPACES TREE COMMISSION
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, a majority or more of all members thereof concurring as follows:

SECTION 1: TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Village of Georgetown, Ohio Public Spaces Tree Commission Ordinance", and may be so cited and pleaded.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

Tree: trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation

Commission: the public spaces tree commission of Georgetown, Ohio

SECTION 3: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby created and established the Public Spaces Tree Commission of the Village of Georgetown, County of Brown, State of Ohio.

SECTION 4: PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The primary purposes and objectives of the Public Spaces Tree Commission shall include the following:

1. To develop and/or update annually and administer a written tree plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets, and in other public areas. Such tree plan will be presented annually to the village council and upon their acceptance and approval shall constitute the official Comprehensive Tree Plan for the Village of Georgetown, Ohio.

2. To consider, investigate, make findings, reports and recommend upon any special matter or questions regarding public trees when requested by Village Council, in addition to the activities outlined in the tree plan.

3. To hold regular and special meetings at which the subject of trees insofar as it relates to the municipality may be discussed by the members of the Commission, officers, personnel, and Council committees of the municipality and all others interested in the tree program.

4. To disseminate news and information regarding the selection, planting and maintenance of trees within the corporate limits, whether the same be on private or public property.

5. To establish the recommended species and varieties of trees to be planted in the streets, parks, cemeteries and other public spaces.

6. To implement an Arbor Day observance on an annual basis.

7. To establish and maintain an inventory of Village street trees.

SECTION 5: MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS

1. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members. Additionally, one member of Council and the Mayor shall act as advisory members of the Commission.

2. After the initial commission is established, the mayor will appoint members of the Commission based on the recommendation submitted by the tree commission and subject to approval of the Village Council.

3. The Chairperson of the Commission shall preside over all meetings of the Commission and act as parliamentarian. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence.

4. Appointments to the Commission shall be for three (3) year terms, provided that the term for one (1) of the members appointed to the first Commission shall be for one (1) year and one (1) of the members appointed to the first Commission shall be for two (2) years. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of said term.

5. The Commission members shall serve without compensation.

6. Any Commission member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or more than fifty percent (50%) of the regular meetings on an annual basis may be removed from the Tree Commission.

SECTION 6: MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

The Commission shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A simple majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. All plans, findings, advice, reports, and recommendations of the Commission shall be in writing.

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF RULES

The Tree Commission may adopt rules consistent with this Ordinance, which shall provide detailed guidelines for the administration of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: DONATIONS

1. The Fiscal Officer of Village of Georgetown shall create a separate line item to which tax-deductible donations may be made by persons desiring to promote the purposes and objective of this Ordinance. Expenditures from the line item shall be made only for purposes consistent with the purposes and objectives of this Ordinance which may include the costs for the purchase of, planting of, and maintenance of appropriate trees within the Village of Georgetown.

2. The Village Council will annually give not less than 10% of the tree commission budget based on \$2.00/capita (i.e., 20 cents/capita) as designated by the Arbor Day Foundation as required to a Tree City U.S.A.

3. Tax-deductible in-kind donations, including services, labor, or real or personal property, that promote the purposes and objectives of this Ordinance will be accepted by the Commission. The Commission will be responsible for notifying the Village Administrator of the donation receipt.

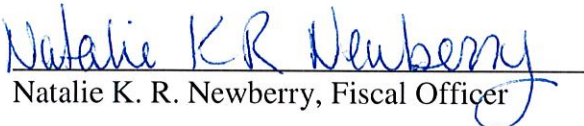
SECTION 9: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed and adopted at a legally convened meeting of Council held on the 9th day of July, 2015.


Dale E. Cahall, Mayor

Attest:


Natalie K. R. Newberry, Fiscal Officer