

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

ORDINANCE 227-14

ESTABLISHING THE FARMINGTON TREE ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TREE CITY USE REQUIREMENTS

February 17, 2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE FARMINGTON TREE ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TREE CITY USE REQUIREMENTS.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I: Purpose

This ordinance of the Town of Farmington, Washington, is to establish the Farmington Tree Advisory Board, which shall be responsible for advising and educating on issues pertaining to trees and wooded plants in the Town of Farmington, Washington, and to maintain the status of Tree City USA.

Section II: Title/Board Established:

There is established for the Town of Farmington a citizen's advisory board to be known as the Farmington Tree Advisory Board.

Section III: Membership and Compensation:

The Farmington Tree Advisory Board shall consist of five members who live or work in the Farmington area and whom the Mayor, with the approval of the Farmington Town Council, shall appoint. The members shall serve without compensation for services performed.

Section IV: Appointments/Terms of Office:

The term of the persons to be appointed by the Mayor shall be three years. In the event a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. The first Board shall serve as follows: One member shall serve for one year, two members shall serve for two years each, and two members shall serve for three years each. The Mayor, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or irreconcilable conflict may remove members.

Section V: Meetings:

- A. The Board shall have at least one regular meeting four times per year. The Board shall determine meeting dates and times. Special meetings may be held as often as the Board deems necessary or as directed by the Mayor or Town Council.
- B. For purposes of conducting the Board's business, exercising its powers and for all other purposes, a quorum of the Board shall consist of three or more members. Any action taken by a majority of those present, when those present constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Board, shall be deemed and taken as the action and decision of the Board.
- C. The Board shall elect such officers as it deems necessary to conduct business. The Board shall adopt such rules of procedure as it deems necessary.
- D. The Board shall keep written minutes of all meetings held and all business transacted. All records of the Board shall be open to public inspection, except those that may be exempt from public disclosure under state law.

Section VII: Duties of the Advisory Board:

The Tree Board shall be responsible to the Farmington Town Council for its duties and actions. The Tree Board shall acquire authorization from the Farmington, Town Council prior to under taking any project. The duties of the Tree Board shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Promote the responsible planting of trees on public and private property.
- B. Promoting public education about trees
- C. Promoting proper tree maintenance.
- D. Advocating trees within the Town of Farmington.
- E. Providing for aesthetics within the Town of Farmington through the formulation and implementation of tree programs
- F. Developing programs and projects while working with other community groups to enhance Town beautification
- G. Developing innovative and joint funding for tree projects from a variety of sources
- H. Providing the Mayor and Town Council with a twice yearly report regarding Tree Board activities.
The first in February of each year and the second at the option of the Tree Board or Town Council.
- I. Develop, maintain and provide a Tree Standard Manual for proper tree planting, maintenance and care of trees and wooded plants, by development of landscaping and/or tree ordinance within the Town, as well as reviewing project plans for compliance with said ordinances as requested by Town staff.

Section VII: Tree City USA:

By adopting this ordinance the Town of Farmington agrees to maintain the status of Tree City USA Program by meeting the four standard requirements:

1. Establish a Tree Board or Department
2. Establish a Tree Care Ordinance
3. Provide a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.
4. Support Arbor Day by observance and a proclamation.

Section VIII: Severability:

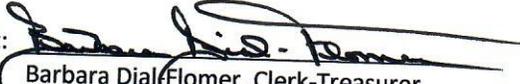
If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

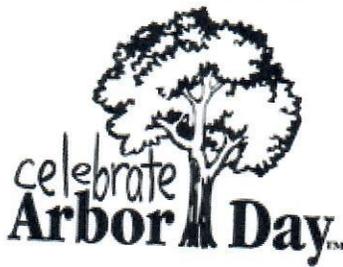
Section IX: Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective five days after passage and publication in the town's official newspaper.

Adopted by the Council of the Town of Farmington, Washington, in regular session this 17th day of February, 2014.


James A Woomack, Mayor

Attest: 
Barbara Dial Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer



Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, James A. Womack, Mayor of the City of Farmington, WA, do hereby proclaim February 17th, 2014 as

Arbor Day

In the City of Farmington, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this Seventeenth day of February 2014
Mayor James A. Womack