



**A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER MARY NORWOOD**

**AS AMENDED
BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TREE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE; TO
APPOINT MEMBERS OF SAID TASK FORCE; TO ESTABLISH
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SAID TASK FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the most recent Tree Protection Ordinance was approved by the Atlanta City Council on January 6, 2003, and signed by the Mayor on January 13, 2003; and

WHEREAS, during the past two years, the enforcement of the Tree Protection ordinance by the Bureau of buildings and the Tree Conservation Commission has revealed a number of substantive and procedural problems in said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced large tracts of land being clear-cut, thereby adding to soil erosion, air and water pollution, and the City wishes to prevent such clear-cutting in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promote re-development and growth within the City, but wishes to do so in a responsible manner that is consistent with environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the spirit of individual property rights, it firmly believes that it is important to balance said rights with the long-established policy of protecting the environment, air and water quality, and the general public health in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Non-Attainment Area, and the City experiences severe "heat island" effects, and therefore has an obligation to its citizens to pass laws that help to correct those problems; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of and is committed to protecting its tree canopy, both on public as well as private property, as a means of helping to correct the City's Non-Attainment area and "heat island" problems; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development/Human Resources Committee under the direction of its Chairperson, has appointed a subcommittee Chairperson to initiate discussion and proposed revisions to the Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Atlanta City Council have expressed an interest in participating in the discussions and possible revisions to the Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a new Tree Ordinance Task Force would be able to assist the City Council in making appropriate and timely revisions to the Tree Protection Ordinance;



WHEREAS, a Tree Ordinance Task Force should comprise a number of volunteer professional and lay persons who have knowledge of and interest in this important issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1: That a Tree Ordinance Task Force be appointed as follows:

- a) All council members who request to be included on the Task Force to be appointed by the President
- b) Two current or former members of the Tree Conservation Commission appointed by the Mayor
- c) Three landscape architects appointed by the three paired Council Districts
- d) Three lay citizens appointed by the three paired Council Districts
- e) Two real estate professionals; one appointed by the Mayor and one appointed by the President of the City Council
- f) Two home builders: one appointed by the Mayor and one appointed by the President of the City Council
- g) One representative of the local utility currently conducting tree pruning

Section 2: That the duties of the Tree Ordinance Task Force will be as follows:

- To review and assess the efficacy of the existing ordinance
- To make recommendations of revisions to the ordinance to protect and preserve the City's tree cover
- To make recommendations of revisions to the ordinance to protect the property rights of the citizens of the City of Atlanta
- To recommend an appropriate and workable recompense formula
- To recommend administrative changes to the Mayor and City Council to facilitate the goals of a revised Tree Protection Ordinance

Section 3: That the procedures for the Tree Ordinance Task Force will be as follows:

- No task force member may miss more than two consecutive meetings.
- Meetings will be scheduled biweekly (twice a month) upon the convening of the Task Force.
- Meetings will be scheduled for a maximum of 1 and ½ hours.
- Meetings will be staffed by the Law Department, the Department of Parks, Recreations, & Cultural Affairs and the Department of Planning and Community Development.
- Meeting minutes will be recorded by City Council Research Staff and posted on the City of Atlanta website within 72 hours.
- Meetings will be televised whenever possible and open to the public.
- The Tree Ordinance Task Force will present their final recommendations via a report to the Mayor and City Council on October 31, 2005, effectively ending the duty of the taskforce.

A true copy,

Rhonda Daughin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED as amended by Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

June 20, 2005

June 29, 2005

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ESTABLISH TREE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE
APPOINT MEMBERS ESTABLISH RESPONSIBILITY
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	NV Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	B Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

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