

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-029

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Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article VIII, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission; Authority of Forestry and Beautification Superintendent; Tree Preservation and Care on City Property and Public Rights of Ways, Division 2, Administration, Sec. 17-814 Columbia tree and appearance commission (b) Membership; terms; vacancies (1) Memberships

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 8th day of April, 2014, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article VIII, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission; Authority of Forestry and Beautification Superintendent; Tree Preservation and Care on City Property and Public Rights of Ways Division 2, Administration, Sec. 17-814 Columbia tree and appearance commission (b) Membership; terms; vacancies (1) Memberships, is amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 2. ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 17-814. Columbia tree and appearance commission.

(a) *Established; powers and duties of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission.* A tree and appearance commission for the City of Columbia is hereby established, which shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To review and recommend policies and ordinances affecting the planting, removal and preservation of trees on public and private property.
- (2) To provide advice on the allocation of resources and policies for the planting, care, and removal of trees in the City of Columbia.
- (3) To serve as an advisory body to the city forestry and beautification superintendent in the administration of this article.
- (4) To review and make recommendations related to the city forestry and beautification division's annual work plan and any comprehensive urban forestry or reforestation plans.
- (5) To provide public education and advocacy on tree value, preservation and care.
- (6) To make recommendations to council on disbursements of the Columbia Landscape and Tree Fund.
- (7) To oversee the development and implementation of a master plan for the beautification of the city.
- (8) To advise the city and its boards or commissions regarding landscaping, tree planting, protection and removal.

(b) *Membership; terms; vacancies.*

(1) *Membership.* The commission shall consist of 13 members (a majority of whom shall be residents of the city), all to be appointed by the city council as follows:

- a. One member shall be an arborist, horticulturist, or landscape architect;
- b. One member shall be a developer or realtor;
- c. One member shall be an architect or engineer;
- d. One member shall be a member of Columbia Green (designated by that organization); and
- e. Nine members shall be appointed at-large.
- f. Advisory members shall include the forestry and beautification superintendent for the city, the city planning director and/or his designee.

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(2) *Terms.* The initial commission shall consist of three members appointed for a term of one year, four members appointed for a term of two years and four members appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, all subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three years. Members of the commission may be appointed for consecutive terms. The city council may remove or replace a member of the commission for nonperformance of duty. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment for the unexpired term.

(c) *Organization; officers; meetings; rules.*

(1) *Organization; officers.* The commission shall organize itself, electing one of its members as chairman and one as vice-chairman. It shall appoint such other officers as deemed necessary.

(2) *Meetings.* The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman and at such times as the chairman or commission may determine.

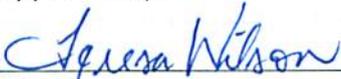
(3) *Rules.* The commission shall adopt rules of organizational procedure. The commission shall keep a record of its resolutions, findings and determinations, which record must be a public record.

Requested by:

Councilmember Plough _____


MAYOR

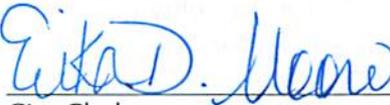
Approved by:


City Manager

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City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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