

COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE NO. D-19-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPER 32 "DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSION" CREATING A NEW SECTION § 32.19 ENTITLED "COVINGTON URBAN FORESTRY BOARD."

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NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1

Section § 32.19 which reads as follows, is added to and amends the
Covington Code of Ordinances:

§ 32.19 COVINGTON URBAN FORESTRY BOARD.

(A) Creation and establishment. There is hereby created and established an Urban Forestry Board for the City of Covington, Kentucky which shall consist of 13 members, who are citizens and residents of the city, and who shall serve without compensation. Board members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Commission. The Urban Forestry Board exists solely in an advisory capacity and shall not have authority to make final decisions. In addition, the Urban Forester shall serve as a liaison of the Board.

(B) Representation. To the extent practical, representation shall reflect the social and geographic diversity of the city. Five members shall demonstrate an interest in conservation or urban forestry, and shall have a background in forestry, arboriculture, horticulture, landscape architecture, or city planning.

(C) Terms. Board members shall serve three-year terms, except that the term of five initial members appointed to the board shall be only one year and the term for five members of the initial board shall be for two years. Members may serve successive terms. In the event that a board member vacates his or her term, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of that term. The Mayor and City Commissioners, by majority vote, may remove any appointed member from the Board prior to the expiration of their term, with or without cause.

(D) Functions. The Urban Forestry Board shall:

(1) Hold regular meetings as it deems necessary. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Board.

(2) Elect a chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and a secretary thereof, as soon as practical after the time of the annual appointment of members to the Board.

(3) Make its own bylaws not inconsistent with this ordinance, and keep a record of its proceeding in accordance with Kentucky Open Meetings requirements, which shall be provided to the City Clerk upon approval.

(E) Responsibilities. The Urban Forestry Board shall:

(1) Promote the goals of the Urban Forest Program, including the value, protection, management, and the enhancement of the urban forest resources of Covington.

(2) Advise and assist the Urban Forester in:

(a) Developing and updating the Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP);

(b) Developing and periodically updating the Covington Urban Forestry Best Management Practices;

(c) Advising the City on project plans for publicly sponsored developments, civic improvements, and changes to the public right-of-way which involve or impact the urban forest;

(d) Developing and conducting educational and outreach urban forest programs for the public;

(e) Seeking grants for the Covington Urban Forest Program;

(f) Recommending tree planting and maintenance programs for the trees, shrubs and other plants under Covington's jurisdiction; and

(g) Developing and implementing the Landmark Tree Program.

(3) Advising and assisting the City Commission and City departments on issues related to urban forestry concerns.

(4) Advising and assisting with the development of legislation and policies that affect the city's urban forest.

Meeting Date:					
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OR:					
	Bowman	2 Downing	Smith	1 Williams	Meyer
Yeas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nays					
Present, not Voting					