

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF VALDOSTA TREE COMMISSION

Section 1:

Effective the 9th day of August, 1984 there is hereby created a commission to be known and designated as the City of Valdosta Tree Commission and to be herein referred to as the "Commission" for the purpose of regulating the planting, maintenance and removal of trees and shrubs in public places; providing for the pruning and removal of trees on private property which endangers public safety and to generally improve the general welfare and health of the people of the City of Valdosta and Lowndes Count.

Section 2:

Members, Terms: The Commission shall consist of ten (10) members as follows: Eight (8) members shall be appointed by Mayor and Council of the City of Valdosta and two (2) City of Valdosta employees shall be designated by the City Manager to serve as ex-officio members. The members appointed by Mayor and Council shall be citizens of the City of Valdosta, and the original respective terms of the members were as follows:

- 1) One member for one year
- 2) Two members for three years
- 3) Four members for four years

And thereafter upon the expiration of such terms, successors shall be appointed for a term of four years by the Mayor and Council. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term by Mayor and Council.

Section 3:

The Commission herein created shall have the power and authority:

- 1) To study and determine the problems and needs of the City of Valdosta for the planting of trees and shrubberies in public places;
- 2) To recommend to the proper authorities and officials of the City of Valdosta, the types and kinds of trees or shrubs to be planted upon the right of way of municipal streets, public parks, and public facilities.
- 3) To assist the City in a program to protect and maintain existing trees, shrubs and green areas on all City owned property and public properties;
- 4) To recommend to Mayor and Council removal of any trees or shrubbery deemed to be hazardous to the public safety or public health;

- 5) To assist the proper officials and make available to the general public news and information regarding the selection, planting and maintenance of trees, shrubbery and other greenery within the corporate limits of the City; to recommend from time to time as necessary ordinances and other programs that will be beneficial to protect and maintain existing trees, shrubs and green areas and to encourage the development of private property owners of landscaped areas with trees and shrubs.

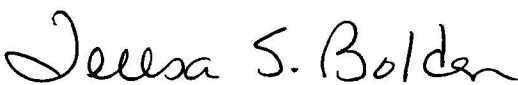
Section 4:

Officers and Meetings: Upon appointment of the initial Commission by Mayor and Council, said Commission shall meet and elect a Chairman (non-voting unless there is a tie), Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Commission shall then provide for the rules and procedures for the holding of regular and special meetings of the Commission as deemed advisable and necessary.

SO ORDAINED, this 21st day of January, 2016


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council