



ORDINANCE 2014-A402

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA,
ADDING ARTICLE 13-3, TOWN TREES & PARKS
TO THE TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 13 PARKS & RECREATION & LIBRARY**

ARTICLE 13-3

TOWN TREES & PARKS

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SECTION 13-3-1 FINDINGS

TREES BENEFIT THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE BY DIMINISHING PARTICULATES AND OTHER AIR POLLUTANTS, ENHANCING THE VISUAL IMAGE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND MINIMIZING NOISE POLLUTION. TREES ALSO PROVIDE WELCOME SHADE TO BUILDINGS, STREETS, AND PUBLIC SPACES, WHICH MODERATES HIGH TEMPERATURES AND COOLING COSTS IN THE WARM AND SUNNY CLIMATE OF CENTRAL ARIZONA.

SECTION 13-3-2 PURPOSE

THIS ARTICLE IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE BY PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF TREE RESOURCES WITHIN THE TOWN.

SECTION 13-3-3 TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE-CREATION AND COMPOSITION

A. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST FIVE AND UP TO SEVEN PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE TOWN MANAGER. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL

SERVE FOR A STAGGERED TERM OF TWO YEARS AND MAY BE RE-APPOINTED BY THE MANGER BY RECOMMENDATION OF CURRENT TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERMS. THE MANAGER AND COMMITTEE SHALL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE COMMITTEE VACANCIES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION FROM CAMP VERDE'S DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

B. THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON AMONGST THE CURRENT MEMBERS, WHO SHALL PRESIDE AT MEETINGS AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

C. THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE SHALL BE A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 13-3-4 TOWN TREE PLAN

A. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PREPARE AND UPDATE FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL EVERY TWO YEARS, A TOWN TREE PLAN THAT WILL SERVE AS THE GUIDING DOCUMENT FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF THE TOWN'S TREE RESOURCES AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOWN'S OPEN SPACES.

B. THE PLAN SHALL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN A FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND A LONG-TERM VISION AND SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

1. RECOMMENDED SPECIES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF TREES, BUSHES AND SHRUBS TO BE PLANTED IN OR REMOVED FROM TOWN PARKS AND RIGHTS OF WAY.

2. GUIDELINES FOR THE CARE, PRESERVATION, PRUNING, PLANTING, REPLANTING, REMOVAL OR DISPOSITION OF TREES IN TOWN PARKS AND RIGHTS OF WAY.

3. GUIDELINES FOR THE LOCATION, PRUNING AND SPACING OF TREES IN PARKS AND RIGHTS OF WAY.

4. PUBLIC OUTREACH TO FOSTER COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN TREE PLAN AND TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY USE OF THE TOWN TREE PLAN.

C. THE PLAN SHALL FURTHER BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION FOR THE TOWN TO BE DESIGNATED A "TREE CITY USA."

SECTION 13-3-5 MAINTENANCE OF TOWN TREES

A. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSERVE, MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE TOWN'S TREE RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN TREE PLAN.

B. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO REMOVE, PRUNE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF TREES ON TOWN PROPERTY OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT ARE IN AN UNSAFE CONDITION OR ARE OTHERWISE INJURIOUS TO SEWERS, SIDEWALKS, ELECTRIC POWER LINES, GAS LINES, WATER LINES OR OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, OR WHICH HAVE BECOME INFECTED WITH INJURIOUS PESTS OR DISEASE.

SECTION 13-3-6 PLANTING, PRUNING OR REMOVING TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY PROHIBITED

NO PERSON SHALL PLANT, PRUNE, REMOVE, CUT ABOVE THE GROUND OR DISTURB ANY TREE WITHIN ANY TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY, PARK OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 13-3-7 POSTING ON TOWN TREES PROHIBITED

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO NAIL, AFFIX BY STAPLING OR GLUING, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER CAUSE TO BE ATTACHED TO A TREE LOCATED IN THE TOWN RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PARK OR TOWN PROPERTY, ANY SIGN, LETTER, REFLECTOR OR NUMBER.

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CHARLES GERMAN, MAYOR

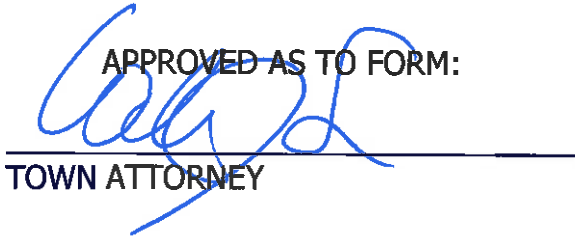
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