

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE September 15, 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE : Amending Tree Board Ordinance

BACKGROUND:

On July 7, 2015, the Council directed staff to prepare proposed amendments to the Tree Board Ordinance for the Council's future consideration.

As noted at the July 7th meeting, the Council desired to correct the following identified issues:

- The current ordinance requires one of the positions must be filled by a City Councilor. Currently, no City Councilor has expressed a desire or willingness to serve on this committee; and as we had more qualified applicants than open positions on the Board, Council wanted to allow a citizen to fill the vacant position when not filled by a Council member.
- The current ordinance references an "aesthetics commission" which is not in existence; and as such, the reference should be deleted from the ordinance.
- Residency requirements should be amended to be consistent with the residency requirements of the Parks Commission which was recently amended.

Staff has prepared the attached ordinance amending the existing Tree Board ordinance (Ordinance No. 181 which was previously amended by Ordinance No. 298). The proposed amendments are limited to the "Tree Board – Composition and Procedures section of the ordinance. All of the proposed changes are in legislative format to show the proposed additions and deletions to the existing ordinance. The proposed deletions are in bold type and **lined through** and proposed additions are in bold type and **double underlined**.

Tree board – Composition and Procedures

(1) The Tree Board shall be appointed by the City Council and shall consist of seven members.

(a) One member of the Tree Board **shall may also** be a member of the City Council.

(b) One member of the Tree Board shall also be a Parks Commissioner.

~~(c) If the aesthetics commission has been formed, one member of that commission~~

~~shall also be a member of the tree board.~~

(~~dc~~) At least one member of the Tree Board shall be a representative from the field of arboriculture, landscape architecture, or otherwise have a background and professional knowledge of trees and their care.

(~~ed~~) One member of the Tree Board shall be designated by the Board of the Coos Bay Downtown Association.

(~~fe~~) The balance of the Tree Board shall be citizens with an interest in trees.

(gf) One member of the tree board may live outside the City limits of Coos Bay. All members shall be City residents. Members residing outside the City, but who own property within the City shall be considered to have such residential status. The Council may allow membership for one non-resident who possesses subject matter expertise needed by the board.

ADVANTAGES:

Enactment of the ordinance allows the Council greater flexibility when appointing potential board members and deletes unnecessary language.

DISADVANTAGES:

None identified

BUDGET:

No budgetary impact is expected

RECOMMENDATION:

If it pleases the City Council, enact the proposed ordinance amending Ordinance 181.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft amending Tree Board ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. ***

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 181, REGULATING CITY TREES AND THE TREE BOARD, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 298

The City of Coos Bay ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 4(1) is amended as follows:

Section 4(1). City Tree Board; Composition and Procedures

- (1) The Tree Board shall be appointed by the City Council and shall consist of seven members.
 - (a) One member of the Tree Board may be a member of the City Council.
 - (b) One member of the Tree Board shall also be a Parks Commissioner.
 - (c) At least one member of the Tree Board shall be a representative from the field of arboriculture, landscape architecture, or otherwise have a background and professional knowledge of trees and their care.
 - (d) One member of the Tree Board shall be designated by the Board of the Coos Bay Downtown Association.
 - (e) The balance of the Tree Board shall be citizens with an interest in trees.
 - (f) All members shall be City residents. Members residing outside the City, but who own property within the City shall be considered to have such residential status. The Council may allow membership for one non-resident who possesses subject matter expertise needed by the Board.

The foregoing ordinance was enacted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay this _____ day of September 2015.

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Crystal Shoji
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Susanne Baker
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon