

ORDINANCE 308
CITY OF PRESTON MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRESTON CITY CODE CHAPTER 32: BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHMENT OF A TREE BOARD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTON:

TREE BOARD

§ 32.40 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.

- (A) A Tree Board is hereby established which shall be composed of three members, from the resident population of the city, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. Members shall be appointed annually.
- (B) One member may be a Council member, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.
- (C) The Council may, in lieu of appointing a separate Tree Board, assign its duties to the Public Utility Commission.
- (D) The City Forester shall serve as administrative staff to the Board.

§ 32.41 POWERS AND DUTIES.

(A) The Board shall study, investigate, counsel, develop and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs, in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The plans shall be presented to the Council, and following the review and approval by the Council shall constitute the official tree plan for the city. The Board, when requested by the Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

(B) The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- (1) Determine and establish rules and regulations for the conduct of the Board as the members deem advisable. Provided, however, that the rules and regulations shall not be in conflict with this subchapter or other city code provisions, state or federal law;
- (2) Recommend the adoption of rules, regulations and city code provisions which it shall from time to time deem in the public interest, as most likely to enhance and beautify the urban forest, and for the purposes of carrying out this subchapter;
- (3) Recommend the broad matters of policy regarding the planting, maintenance and removal of trees and other vegetation on city property;
- (4) Recommend policies for the review and approval of projects on private property where open space and/or landscaping is required as a condition for the development, and recommend policies for the enforcement of approved plans;
- (5) Assist the City Forester in encouraging landscaping installation and maintenance on private property by providing information on the value of landscaping and on the proper planting and care of trees and other vegetation;
- (6) Assist the City Forester in promoting appreciation of trees and the urban forest through an annual Arbor Day observance and other activities;

(7) Review those portions of the city budget allocated for the planting and care of trees and other vegetation, and advise the Council on the appropriateness of the funding levels; and

(8) In all instances, serve as an advocate of the city's urban forest.

§ 32.42 CITY FORESTER.

(A) Establishment. The position of City Forester is hereby established. The Council may, in its sole discretion, assign the duties of City Forester as deemed appropriate.

(B) Duties. The City Forester may recommend, and the Board may adopt, additional regulations to be known as the urban forestry standards and specifications proper and necessary to effectuate the urban forest management plan within the city providing reasonable guidance for planting and maintaining public trees. These rules and regulations may not be in conflict with any other law or city code provision.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon publication.

ADOPTED this 19th day of May 2025, by the City Council of the City of Preston.

CITY OF PRESTON

By: _____
Kurt Reicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ryan Throckmorton
City Administrator