

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Amended
Chapter 1985-82
No. 540
Approved: October 9, 1985

CHAPTER 1985-59

No. 324 **AN ORDINANCE** REGULATING THE PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL AND PLANTING OF TREES IN THE PUBLIC STREETS, PARKS, OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AND TREE PROTECTION ZONES ON DESIGNATED PRIVATE PROPERTY UNDER DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AND ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES, AS THE AGENCIES PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL, AND PLANTING OF TREES IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED PLACES, PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OR REMOVAL OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHEN THE PUBLIC SAFETY IS ENDANGERED AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROVISIONS, AS AMENDED.

Approved May 21, 1985

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. VALUE OF URBAN TREES

Trees are economically beneficial in attracting new industry, residents, and visitors. Healthy trees of the right size and species, growing in the right places enhance the value and marketability of property, and promote the stability of desirable neighborhoods, thus helping to prevent the emergence of blighted areas and slum conditions. Providence, RI is situated in an area covered with a variety of trees and shrubs that are a vital part of the heritage passed to us by nature and our forefathers. However, there is much concern over the recent indiscriminate destruction of trees in both public and private places.

Trees are recognized as a valued asset, providing a healthier and more beautiful environment in which to live. They provide oxygen, shade, esthetics, and a priceless psychological counterpoint to the manmade, urban setting. Trees aid in preventing erosion, siltation of streams and reservoirs, flash flooding, and air, noise, and visual pollution.

SECTION 2. SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the City Tree Ordinance of the City of Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural. The word SHALL is mandatory and not merely directory.

A. City is the City, municipality, town, village, subdivision, or otherwise designated political jurisdiction of Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island.

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B. Board of Park Commissioners is the board, commission, or otherwise designated governing body of Department of Public Parks.

C. Department of Public Parks, Division of Grounds Maintenance Services is the Department of "Parks and Street Trees", "Parks and Forestry", "Forestry Street Trees", or other designated department of the City under whose jurisdiction all city park and/or street trees fall.

D. City Forester is the Municipal Arborist, City Forester, Horticulturist, Landscape Architect, Director, Division of Grounds Maintenance Services, Supervisor Urban Forestry Operations or other qualified designated official of the City assigned to carry out the enforcement of this Ordinance.

E. Person is any person, firm partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind, including public utility and city department.

F. Street or Highway is the entire width of every public way or right-of-way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

G. Parks shall include any city public spaces designated for recreation and/or conservation.

H. Public place shall include any other ground owned by the city.

I. Property line shall mean the boundary between private and city owned land.

J. Tree lawn is that part of a street or highway not covered by sidewalk or other paving, lying between the property line and that portion of the street or highway usually used for vehicular traffic.

K. Tree (1) Any living woody plant with needle or scaletype leaf that has a well defined stem (s) with a caliper of at least 6 inches (15.24 cm) at 5" (1.6 cm) from the ground level. (2) Any living, self-supporting woody broad leaf plant that has a well-defined stem (s) with a caliper of at least 2 inches (7.62 cm) at 5' (1.6 cm) from the ground level.

L. Public Trees shall include all trees now or hereafter growing on any street, park, or any other public place.

M. Property Owner shall mean the person owning such property as shown by the Records of the Recorder of Deeds of the City of Providence.

N. Tree Removal includes any act that will cause a tree to die within a three (3) year period.

O. Tree Well opening is the ground area surrounding the base of the tree trunk not covered by sidewalk and paving. Tree well opening shall have a minimum pit size of 3' x 3'.

SECTION 4. THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

A. The Board of Park Commissioners shall have the authority to regulate and enforce the operations of the Department of Public Parks, Division of Grounds Maintenance Services, as provided for in Providence Home Rule Charter, 1980, SECTION 1003. The Board of Park Commissioners shall have jurisdiction over all greenspaces of the City and all forestry functions including the setting out, care and removal of trees,

shrubs and other plants on the streets of the City as well as on the properties for which it is responsible. They shall do all acts necessary and proper for the care, management, improvement, maintenance and protection of the public parks and street trees under their jurisdiction.

B. The duties of said Board of Park Commissioners shall be interpreted to include but not be limited to the protection, maintenance, removal, and planting of trees on public property, and to make such recommendations from time to time to the City Council as to desirable legislation concerning the tree program and activities for the City.

To hear appeals as set forth in Section 18.

SECTION 5. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CITY FORESTER

The City Forester shall be appointed or selected from candidates recommended by an appropriately constituted search committee of the Board of Park Commissioners who base their recommendations on a personal interview, education, experience, general qualifications and references.

He or she shall be a person holding at least a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university in arboriculture or a related field or the equivalent in training or experience.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF THE CITY FORESTER

The City Forester shall affirm the rules and regulations of the Arboricultural Specifications and Standards of Practice (appended to this Ordinance) governing the protection, maintenance, removal, and planting of trees on the streets, parks, public places, and other Tree Protection Zones in the City. He or she shall plan direct, regulate and control the protection, maintenance, removal, and planting of all trees growing now or hereafter in the streets, parks, public places, and other tree protection zones of the City. He or she is further charged with keeping informed of environmental and technical changes that could effect the trees of the City. He or she shall also cooperate and communicate with other Park Department personnel, Mayor's Office of Community Development, Planning and Urban Development, Providence Redevelopment Agency and all other city, state and federal agencies. Lastly the City Forester shall cause the provisions of the Ordinance to be enforced.

SECTION 7. MARY ELIZABETH SHARPE STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It shall also be the duty of the City Forester to work in conjunction with the Providence Street Tree Advisory Committee to define street tree policies and priorities and to administer Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Street Tree Funds.

SECTION 8. AUTHORITY OF THE CITY FORESTER

A. Jurisdiction: The City Forester shall have the authority and jurisdiction of regulating the protection, maintenance, removal, and planting of trees on streets, parks, and public places, such as the grounds of public buildings, schools, libraries where trees may exist or be planted.

This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit the removal as determined by the City Forester, of:

1. Dead, dying, diseased, insect infested, or hazardous trees.
2. Unwanted weed species.
3. The necessary minimal amount of trees and limbs by survey parties.

B. Enforcement: The Police Department shall enforce this Ordinance and insure that provisions of this Ordinance are not violated including, but not limited to, the issuance of citations for the violation of any provision of this Ordinance upon request of the City Forester.

C. Supervision: The City Forester shall have the authority and it shall be his/her duty to supervise or inspect all work done under a permit issued in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

D. Condition of Permit: The City Forester shall promulgate needful regulations to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance.

E. Master Street Tree Plan: The City Forester shall also have the authority to formulate a Master Street Tree Plan with the advice and approval of the Board of Park Commissioners. The Master Street Tree Plan shall include the inventory of Existing Trees, and shall specify the species of trees to be protected, maintained, removed, and/or planted on each of the streets, parks and other public places of the City. This plan shall be reviewed and updated every two-five years. All tree work shall conform thereto.

F. Inventory of existing Trees: The City Forester shall have the responsibility to inventory (and classify as to location, species, size, condition, and evaluation) the existing trees on streets, parks, and other public places, as an integral part of the Master Street Tree Plan. This inventory shall be periodically updated.

G. Public Organizations: The City Forester shall work in conjunction with the Providence Street Tree Committee and all other civic and public interest groups devoted to tree care and preservation.

H. The City Forester shall consider all existing and proposed buildings and utilities and environmental factors when recommending the planting of a tree species or other work for each of the streets, parks and other public places of the City.

SECTION 9. PROTECTION OF TREES

A. During development, redevelopment, razing or renovating, no trees shall be cut, damaged, destroyed or removed except by specified permit.

All trees removed, destroyed or severely damaged shall be replaced at the expense of the permittee. The total caliper of all trees planted in the course of restoration shall in no event be less than the total caliper of all trees removed. Replacement shall be made with 2½ to 6 inch caliper trees and/or as directed by the City Forester.

If sufficient tree planting locations are unavailable within the contract area, the replacement trees shall be planted within ¼ (one-

quarter) mile of the contract area as determined by the City Forester except by special permit of the City Forester.

B. All trees within 30 ft. (9.1 m) of any excavation or construction of any building, structure, or street work shall be guarded through the length of the project with a good substantial fence, frame, or box not less than 4 feet (1.2M) high and 8 ft. (2.4M) square, or equivalent. All equipment, building materials, chemicals, dirt, or other debris shall be kept outside the barrier at all times.

C. No person shall intentionally damage, cut, carve or transplant any tree; attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising posters, or other contrivance to any tree; allow any gaseous, liquid, chemical, or solid substance that is harmful to such trees to come in contact with them; or set fire or permit any fire to burn when such fire or the heat thereof will injure any portion of any tree without first obtaining a written permit from the City Forester.

D. No person shall deposit, place, store, or maintain any stone, brick, sand, fill dirt, concrete, or other materials that may impede the freepassage of water, air, and fertilizer to the roots of any tree growing therein, except by written permit of the City Forester.

E. No person shall preclude the percolation of water or nutrients and gaseous exchange vital to a tree's survival by placing any impervious materials (asphalt, macadam, concrete) within the confines of the tree well opening.

SECTION 10. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON PUBLIC LAND

A. The Site Plan for proposed development or improvement of any tract or parcel of land on which there are public trees shall be evaluated and approved by the City Forester before a building permit can be issued. The City Forester may inspect the site before approving or disapproving the site plan and at any time during the development, redevelopment, renovating or razing thereafter.

B. The Site Plan, shall include the following:

1. An accurate scale drawing detailing curb cuts, utility installations, paving, grade changes, existing trees, tree wells, proposed buildings.
2. Approximate location, size and species of all existing trees, trees to be maintained and trees to be removed.
3. Specification documents for:
 - a. Protection of existing trees during the development, redevelopment, renovating, or razing.
 - b. Grade changes or other work within a tree's drip line.
 - c. Disposal of trees to be removed. All debris shall be discarded by the contractor and the area made safe prior to the end of the working day.
4. Any new planting and/or tree replacement, specifying the location, species, size, and a completion date for the proposed work.

SECTION 11. OBSTRUCTION: TREES PRUNED

It shall be the duty of any person or persons owning or occupying real property bordering on any street upon which property there may be trees, to prune such trees in such manner that they will not obstruct or shade the street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision of traffic signs, or obstruct the view of any street or alley intersection. The minimum clearance of any overhanging portion thereof shall be 8 ft. (3.05m) over sidewalks, and 12 ft. (3.66m) over all streets except truck thoroughfares, which shall have a clearance of 18 ft. (4.88m) and/or at the discretion of the City Forester.

A. Notice to Prune - Should any person or persons owning real property bordering on any street fail to prune trees as herein above provided, the City Forester shall order such person or persons, within three (3) weeks after receipt of written notice, to so prune such trees.

B. Order Required - The order required herein shall be served by certified mail to the last known address of the property owner.

C. Failure to Comply. When a person to whom an order is directed shall fail to comply within the specified time, it shall be lawful for the City to prune such trees and assess the property owner for the cost of services rendered.

SECTION 12. EMERGENCIES

In the case of officially declared emergencies, such as windstorms, ice storms, or other disasters, the requirements shall be waived so that the requirements of this Ordinance would in no way hinder private or public work to restore order in the City. This work shall follow maintenance standards as outlined by the City Forester.

SECTION 13. MOVING LARGE OBJECTS

No person shall move any building or other large objects that may injure public trees, or parts thereof, without first obtaining the approval of the City Forester and agreeing to conform to his/her requirements.

SECTION 14. PERMITS REQUIRED

A. A permit shall be a written document that authorized the bearer thereof to perform the proposed work as outlined on such permit. The permit shall be issued only by the City Forester or his/her representative.

B. A permit shall be obtained by filling out an application in the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services, Carriage House, Roger Williams Park. Upon approving the application the City Forester or his/her representative shall issue said permit.

C. A permit shall be required for planting, spraying, pruning, cutting above ground, removing, or otherwise disturbing any tree on any street, park, other public place.

D. The City Forester shall issue any permit provided for herein if the proposed method and workmanship shall be of a satisfactory nature and the project shall be consistent with this Ordinance. Any permit granted shall contain a definite date of expiration and the work shall be completed in the time allowed on the permit and in the manner as

therein described. Any permit shall be void if its terms are violated.

E. The City Forester shall be notified by the bearer of said permit upon satisfactory completion of designated work.

F. Planting:

1. The application required herein shall state the number of trees to be set out or planted in public places, the location, grade, species, cultivar or variety of each tree, the method of planting, and such other information as the City Forester shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination of whether a permit should be issued.

2. The City Forester shall have the right to make the final determination as to location, species, cultivar or variety of each tree and the method of planting before issuing said permit.

G. Maintenance - The application required herein shall state the number and kinds of trees to be sprayed, fertilized, pruned, or otherwise preserved; the kind of treatment to be administered; the composition of the spray material to be applied; and such other information as the City Forester shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination of whether a permit should be issued.

H. Removal. Replanting and Replacement

1. Wherever it is necessary to remove a tree in connection with the paving of a sidewalk, or the widening of the portion of a street or highway, the City shall replant the tree or replace it. This requirement will be satisfied if an equivalent number of trees of the same size and species as provided in the Arboricultural Specifications and Standards of Practice are planted within a 1/4 mile of the original tree location.

2. No person shall remove a public tree for the purpose of construction or any other reason, without first filing an application and procuring a permit from the City Forester. The City Forester may require replacement of a removed tree as a condition to the issuance of a permit. Such replacement shall meet the standards of size, species and placement as provided for in a permit issued by the City Forester. The person or property owner shall bear the cost of removal and replacement of all trees removed.

SECTION 15. REGISTRATION OF TREE EXPERTS

To protect the public, the City shall require any person who removes or maintains trees on public property as a business to be:

- A. Properly licensed to perform such work.
- B. Certified by State of Rhode Island or any other agency that regulates aboricultural practices.
- C. Covered by Workmans' Compensation to the extent required by Rhode Island law and Public Liability and Personal Property, Insurance in minimum amounts hereinafter mentioned adequate to cover and save harmless the City of Providence and its agents from all suits, claims, or actions of every class and nature for or on persons, or property damage caused or claimed to be caused, directly or indirectly by the conduct of the work contemplated, or by or in

by acts of strangers, or any conditions due to the elements or any defects or insufficiencies in any method material ways machinery equipment or apparatus used in connection with the work.

Public Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$500,000 shall be carried.

D. Bonded.

E. Insured (Medical).

SECTION 16. INTERFERENCE WITH CITY FORESTER

No person shall hinder, prevent, delay, or interfere with the City Forester or any of his assistants while engaged in carrying out the implementation of this Ordinance; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as an attempt to prohibit the pursuit of any remedy, legal or equitable, in any court of competent jurisdiction for the protection of property rights by the owner of any property within the City.

SECTION 17. APPEALS

Any adjustment of the standards required by this Ordinance or an appeal of a decision of the City Forester shall be taken to the Board of Park Commissioners. The Board of Park Commissioners upon receipt of such request, on forms provided by the City Forester, shall have the authority and duty to consider and act upon the request. This application shall clearly and in detail state what adjustments or requirements are being requested, reasons such adjustments or requirements are being requested, reasons such adjustments are warranted, and shall be accompanied with such supplementary data as is deemed necessary to substantiate the adjustment. The Board of Park Commissioners may approve, modify, or deny the requested adjustment, based upon protection of public interest, preservation of the intent of this Ordinance, and possible unreasonable and unnecessary hardships involved in the case.

The Board of Park Commissioners shall act on the application as expeditiously as possible and shall notify the applicant in writing within five (5) days of the action taken.

SECTION 18. VIOLATION AND PENALTY

Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to court action and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalties contained in Sec. 1.10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

In addition, the person shall replace the tree and/or repair damage with a size and species permitted by the City Forester.

Each Tree affected by noncompliance with this Ordinance shall constitute a separate violation.

Violation of the Ordinance shall be the basis of withholding a final inspection permit until such violation is corrected to the satisfaction of the City Forester, Board of Park Commissioners.

SECTION 19. LEGALITY OF ORDINANCE AND PARTS THEREOF

Should any section clauses, or provisions of this Ordinance be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 20.

Except for section 12 and 13, this Ordinance in no way regulates protection, maintenance, removal or planting of trees on the property of a one or two-family dwelling, where the owner of the property resides thereon.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be of immediate necessity for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety and shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

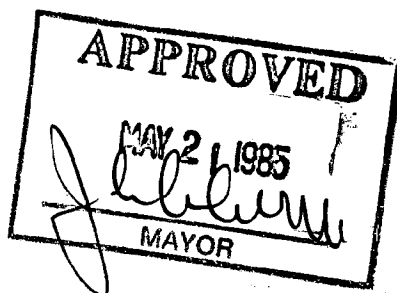
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Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

IN CITY
COUNCIL
MAY 6 1985

FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

Andrew W. Epton
PRESIDENT
Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK



IN CITY COUNCIL
Apr 5 1984
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
Rosemendoza CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES
Recommends Be Continued
Michael R. Clement
Clerk
May 30, 1984
Sept 25, 1984

THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES
Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, as amended
Rosemendoza
Clerk Chairman
April 23, 1985

Councilwoman DiRuzzo (By Request)

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 1984

TO: Charles A. Pisaturo, City Solicitor

SUBJECT: *VARIOUS ORDINANCES

CONSIDERED BY: Thomas M. Glavin, Chairman Committee on Ordinances

DISPOSITION:

Attached are various Ordinances that were referred to the above mentioned Committee, and are referred to you for your study and proposed recommendations if any to the said Committee as soon as practical.

- *1. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR RECALL.
2. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY ADDING "ARTICLE VI HANDGUN CONTROL."
3. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO SEC. 4-54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN BREEDS OF DOGS REQUIRED."
4. AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO SEC. 17-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "EMPLOYEES TO BE RESIDENTS: EXCEPTIONS."
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First Deputy City Clerk



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS
CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

December 4, 1984

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^{Superintendent of Parks}

Councilman Thomas Glavin, Chairman
Committee on Ordinances City Council
City Hall
Providence, R. I. 02903

RE: City of Providence Street Tree Ordinance

Dear Councilman Glavin:

This letter is in support of the proposed City of Providence Street Tree Ordinance that was introduced to the City Council in April 1984 by Councilwoman DiRuzzo.

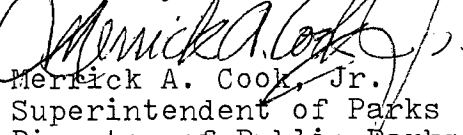
The proposed ordinance prepared by the City Forester, and at my request, introduced to the Board of Park Commissioners for review and approval, is an important and far reaching piece of legislation that is long overdue in this City and strongly supported by the Board of Park Commissioners and this Department.

The Board of Park Commissioners, upon review and concurrence with the concept of the proposed ordinance, directed this Department to forward same to the City Council for the appropriate action.

At this time, I respectfully request that your Committee give this proposal favorable consideration.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Merrick A. Cook, Jr.
Superintendent of Parks
Director of Public Parks

cc: Karen Ellsworth
Vincent Pallozzi
Mr. Henry D. Sharpe, Jr.
Mr. William McLoughlin, Save the Trees Committee
Mr. John Campanini, Dir. Div. of GMS, Dept. of Public Parks

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Mr. Thomas Glavin, Chairman
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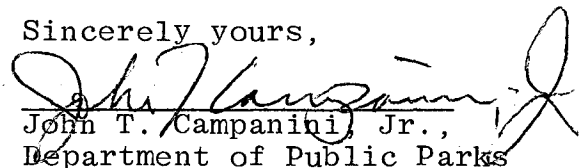
Dear Councilman Glavin:

Last April, 1984 Councilwoman Joan DiRuzzo introduced to the Council an important piece of legislation aimed at preserving and protecting the street tree population in Providence. This proposal known as the "Street Tree Ordinance" was referred by the City Clerk to the City Council Committee on Ordinances which you chair. There, the proposed ordinance has languished despite the overwhelming support of city officials and city residents. I ask if you could give this timely measure your personal attention and convene a meeting of your membership to discuss the merits of this legislation?

Since the Ordinance contains specific revenue producing proposals it would behoove all concerned to pass the act prior to the start in January, 1985 of the 1985-86 fiscal year budget preparation.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future as soon as you have had an opportunity to review this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John T. Campanini, Jr.,
Department of Public Parks

JTC/mh

cc: Karen Ellsworth, Mayors Adm. Asst.
Mrs. Henry D. Sharpe, Jr. MESTF
Mr. William McLoughlin, Save the Trees
Mr. Merrick A. Cook, J. Supt. of Parks