

**Sec. 21-31. Tree Advisory Commission.**

(a) The city council may establish a tree advisory commission. This commission may from time to time make recommendations relative to trees to the city manager or his authorized representative and perform other duties as designated in this chapter.

(b) The tree advisory commission shall be composed of twelve (12) members, a majority of whom shall be residents of the city. Seven (7) of the members shall be appointed by the City Council, and three (3) of the members shall be appointed by the mayor. The remaining two (2) members shall be representatives of the city engineering and property management department and shall be ex officio members.

(c) Those members appointed by the mayor and city council shall serve three (3) years, and no member appointed by the mayor and city council shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms. Member terms shall be appointed on a staggered basis so that no more than five (5) of the ten (10) appointed seats become vacant at one time.

(d) Any member who fails to attend the requisite number of meetings as set out in the boards and commission's attendance policy adopted by the city council shall be automatically removed from the commission. Vacancies resulting from a member's failure to attend the required number of meetings shall be filled as provided in this section. The chair of the commission will notify the proper appointing authority if a member is absent the requisite number of the meetings, and appointment will be made by the appointing authority to fill that vacancy.