City of Brownsboro Village Tree Board Ordinance Ordinance Number 24-5

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 22-6 City of Brownsboro Village Tree Board establishing a Tree Board for the City of Brownsboro Village.

WHEREAS, the City of Brownsboro Village values trees as natural resources and recognizes their role in filtering pollutants from the air, preserving soil and providing animal habitats and,

WHEREAS, trees promote neighborhood cohesion by increasing outdoor activities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commissioners of the City of Brownsboro Village, Kentucky that,

Section 1: This Ordinance shall be known, and may be cited, as the "City of Brownsboro Village Tree Board."

Section 2: Said Commissioners find and declare that:

- A. A Tree Board, composed of a minimum of three (3) members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Commissioners to three-year staggered terms. One member will serve as Chair and another will record the minutes to ensure accountability and transparency. The Board will meet regularly to conduct business.
- B. The Tree Board will utilize an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist who will consult with and advise the Board and residents on best practices for tree safety, preservation, and growth.
- C. The Tree Board will establish and maintain Brownsboro Village Tree Care Standards based on American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 300 Tree Care Standards. These standards will provide guidance for planting, maintaining, and/or removing trees.
- D. The Tree Board, utilizing the city arborist, will intervene as indicated, if trees in private or public spaces are diseased or posing a safety concern. The Tree Board will report to the Brownsboro Village Commissioners regarding the health of private and public trees.
- E. The Tree Board will create and maintain a program to educate residents about the value of trees and how to preserve them.
- F. The Commissioners will designate funds, greater than the two dollars per resident, in each fiscal year to support the Tree Board's annual program.
- G. The Tree Board will honor Arbor Day annually to celebrate trees, to educate residents about the value of trees, and to encourage the growth of our tree canopy.

Section 3: Maintenance of Public Trees

- A. Public Tree: A tree with a base wholly or in part situated on City of Brownsboro Village public rights-of-way.
- B. Tree maintenance of public trees shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Given first reading on the 16th day of July, 2024.

Given second reading and duly enacted by the Commissioners of the City of Brownsboro Village on the 13th day of August, 2024.

Mark W. Joyce, Mayor

Attest:

Emily Vessels, City Clerk