

TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2008

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE
PARK ADVISORY BOARD TO ENABLE IT TO ACT AS A TREE BOARD TO
ADMINISTER THE TOWN'S TREE CANOPY ORDINANCE.**

WHEREAS, Article 23A, Section 2A(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland enables the Town Council to enact such legislation as it deems necessary to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of Centreville;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 301(b)(8) of the Charter of the Town Centreville authorizes the Town to appoint such boards, commissions and committees as may be necessary to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Centreville, and to prescribe the duties of such boards, commissions and committees in the legislation creating them;

WHEREAS, Chapter 20, Article III of the Centreville Code creates and sets forth the duties of the Park Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Centreville to amend Chapter 20, Article III of Town Code to expand the duties of the Park Advisory Board to enable it to act as a Tree Board to administer the Tree Canopy Ordinance which is to be codified in Chapter 145 of the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Centreville:

1. That Chapter 20 be, and is hereby, amended to include the language set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

2. This Ordinance shall become effective twenty days after its enactment.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE

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Chapter 20. Boards, Committees and Commissions

Article IV. Tree Board

§20-16. Creation.

There is hereby established a board to be known as the Centreville Tree Board.

§20-17. Membership; bylaws; meetings.

- A. The Centreville Tree Board shall be composed of the five members who serve as the Centreville Parks Advisory Board.
- B. The ex officio, nonvoting members of the Parks Advisory Board shall also serve the Tree Board in that capacity.
- C. The officers of the Parks Advisory Board shall also serve the Tree Board in that capacity.
- D. The Board shall establish bylaws for the conduct of its activities. It shall meet regularly at a time and place it shall establish.
- E. The Town Manager shall maintain records of the board's proceedings and assist the Board with dissemination of information and other administrative duties as may be assigned by the Board

§20-18. Purpose of Board

The Tree Board is established to promote tree planting and preservation within the town of Centreville and to advise the Town Council and the Town Manager on matters related to trees.

§20-19. Duties

The Tree Board shall have the following duties:

- A. Develop a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting or removal of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The plan will be presented to the Town Council and upon their approval shall constitute the town tree plan.
- B. Advise the Town Council on matters pertaining to the preservation of trees and establishment of tree canopy cover within the town.
- C. Help plan and carry out activities to promote trees, such as Arbor Day celebrations and tree planting promotions.
- D. Help plan and carry out educational outreach on tree planting, care and protection and the importance of trees to the town's environment and character.
- E. Adopt a Tree Species List to guide tree planting within Centreville.

- F. Adopt standards and procedures for tree planting, maintenance and protection as necessary for administration of this Code.

§20-20. Annual Report

The Tree Board shall submit an annual report to the Town Council providing information on the following activities for the past year:

- A. Arbor Day activities and other activities promoting tree planting and preservation.
- B. Tree planting activity and loss of trees on town-owned property and along streets, sidewalks and pathways.
- C. An assessment of the town's tree canopy coverage.