

# **Spokane Municipal Code**

## **Title 04 Administrative Agencies and Procedures**

### **Chapter 04.28 Urban Forestry Tree Committee**

#### **Section 04.28.010 Establishment.**

There is established the urban forestry tree committee to advise and make recommendations to the park board and city council regarding managing, conserving and enhancing the trees and shrubs located in the street right-of-way and in the parks and public areas of the city, and assisting property owners and public agencies.

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#### **Section 04.28.020 Members.**

The tree committee has five members consisting of two members of the park board and two members who have experience and expertise in arboriculture or any of the disciplines within urban forestry such as public administration, horticulture, parks and recreation, and landscape design, and one member who is the chair of the citizen advisory committee established pursuant to Section 4.28.060. The chair is appointed by the park board president.

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#### **Section 04.28.030 Appointment; Term.**

Four members are appointed by the president of the park board. Park board members are appointed annually. The other two members serve staggered four-year terms and may be reappointed for one additional term. The remaining member is the chair of the citizen advisory committee, who may serve as long as the individual retains the chair position, but not to exceed four years. Vacancies are filled by appointment to unexpired terms in the same manner.

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#### **Section 04.28.040 Compensation.**

Members serve without compensation.

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**Section 04.28.050 Duties and Functions.**

The urban forestry tree committee

- A. develops, renews, and updates the vegetation management plan and the arboricultural manual and submits them to the park board and city council for approval and adoption;
- B. reviews City plans and policies which contain matters relating to urban forestry, community values, arboriculture, and horticulture;
- C. recommends legislation regarding the urban forest;
- D. adopts rules of operation and schedule of meetings;
- E. provides the park board with an analysis of the annual urban forestry budget request;
- F. develops a program for identifying and maintaining trees in the city which have significant historical, cultural, environmental or public significance and makes recommendations to the park board and city council on adopting such a program;
- G. coordinates the City's Arbor Day programs, grants, and other similar programs;
- H. provides information regarding the selection, planting and maintenance of trees on public and private property.

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**Section 04.28.060 Citizen Advisory Committee.**

- A. A citizen advisory committee is established to advise and make recommendations to the urban forestry tree committee on plans and policies.
- B. The citizen advisory committee has up to twelve members.
  - 1. Eight members may be appointed by the following agencies or organizations:
    - a. two members representing the community assembly,
    - b. one member representing utilities and telecommunications providers operating within the city;
    - c. one member representing City departments;
    - d. one member representing the Downtown Business Improvement Area;
    - e. one member representing historic preservation;
    - f. one member representing natural resource agencies or organizations;
    - g. one member representing the horticulture and arboriculture industry.
  - 2. Four members at large may be appointed by the other members of the committee.
  - 3. The appointment of each member is acknowledged by a letter of appointment from the director.
- C. Members serve staggered terms of four years. At the initial meeting terms of two, three, or four years will be determined by lot.
- D. Members may serve two consecutive terms, to a maximum of eight years.
- E. The committee elects its own chair, and establishes its own rules and procedures consistent with Chapter 4.01 SMC, City policies and state law.

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