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RESOLUTION NO. R2022-29

**A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL
CREATING A NEW TREE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR
POWERS AND DUTIES, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF
OFFICE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND VOTING
REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Wellington Council created the Tree Board on October 14, 1997 when it adopted Ordinance No. 97-17; and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties, membership, terms, and voting requirements for the Tree Board were codified in Chapter 2 of Wellington's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Wellington has amended its Code of Ordinances to remove outdated and unnecessary provisions and simplify the provisions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the amended Code of Ordinances eliminates the creation of specific boards within the Code, except for those required by the Florida Statutes, and generally authorizes the Wellington Council, by resolution, to establish those boards it deems appropriate to advise the Council on specific areas of interest or needs; and

WHEREAS, the amended Code of Ordinances further provides that the powers and duties of the various boards, and the number, qualifications, and terms of office of the members thereof, shall be established by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Wellington Council believes it is in the best interest of the community to create a new Tree Board pursuant to the amended Code of Ordinances with the powers and duties, membership, terms of office, qualifications, and voting requirements set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL that:

SECTION 1. A new Tree Board is hereby created pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2. Powers and Duties. The Tree Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Develop an annual work plan in accordance with the Tree City USA guidelines. Such work plan shall include tree-related projects and tasks, as well as an implementation schedule for such projects and tasks.
- (2) Review and comment to the Public Works Director on all Wellington

1 planting projects prior to installation.

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- 3 (3) Assist the Public Works Director to study, investigate, counsel, and
- 4 develop and/or update annually, and administer a written care guide for
- 5 the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or
- 6 disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets, and in other public
- 7 areas.
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- 9 (4) Assist Wellington in preparing plans for Wellington's Annual Arbor Day
- 10 ceremony for approval by the Wellington Council.
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- 12 (5) Review, upon referral by the Wellington Council, proposed ordinances that
- 13 relate to landscaping regulations and make recommendations to the
- 14 council regarding such ordinances.
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- 16 (6) Hear and decide appeals of administrative decisions of the Planning,
- 17 Zoning and Building Department pertaining to natural resource protection
- 18 regulations.
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- 20 (7) Such powers and duties as may be assigned by ordinance or resolution.
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22 **SECTION 3. Membership; Terms of Office; Qualifications.** The Tree Board shall

23 consist of seven members. Appointments of members shall be for a term of two years.

24 Appointments shall be made by the Wellington Council consistent with Chapter 2,

25 Article VI of the Code of Ordinances. Members shall have an interest in the subject

26 matter including, but not limited to, the preservation of trees, native vegetation, and

27 natural resources.

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29 **SECTION 4. Quorum and Required Vote.** A quorum for the transaction of

30 business by the Tree Board shall consist of four members. The affirmative vote of a

31 majority of those present shall be necessary to take official action.

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33 **SECTION 5. Initial Composition of the Tree Board.** The initial Tree Board shall

34 be comprised of those members appointed by the Wellington Council at the June 14,

35 2022 Council meeting or thereafter. Such members shall serve on the Tree Board

36 through May 31, 2024 unless otherwise provided by Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of

37 Ordinances. Subsequent appointments to the Tree Board shall be made by the

38 Wellington Council consistent with Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances and

39 this Resolution.

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41 **SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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44 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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