

1.1 TREE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

1.1.1 Appointment and Composition

- A. The Tree Protection Committee (“TPC”) shall be composed of six (6) members, at least one of which shall be a full-time City employee, preferably the City Arborist, and all residents of the City of Ocean Springs. Three or more members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. The members of the TPC shall be appointed by the Board of Aldermen. All members of the TPC shall serve staggered terms not to exceed three (3) years, and shall be eligible for reappointment. The TPC annually shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary; and
- B. All TPC members shall have a demonstrated interest, competence, knowledge, or expertise in tree protection and preservation. To the extent available in the community, the Board shall appoint professional members from the tree preservation and protection related disciplines of biology, arborists, architecture, history, urban design, archaeology, planning, law and related fields.

1.1.2 Responsibilities

- A. Receive and review applications for any work proposed to be done which may result in destruction of any tree or trees covered by the UDC. The TPC shall review the application with regards to the Trees and Shrubbery Section of the UDC, and report to the Board of Aldermen; and
- B. To protect trees as an economic and aesthetic asset that is irreplaceable and constitute the very essence of this City’s character, and, in addition to the economic and aesthetic value, promote soil conservation, reduce air and noise pollution, prevent erosion, provide habitat and food for wildlife and birds and provide visual screening.