

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 27

**AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING MEMBER REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE SEARCY TREE BOARD; AMENDING THE SEARCY CODE
OF ORDINANCES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The Searcy Tree Board, recognizes a need to expand its membership to include citizens living outside the City of Searcy and still have a vested interest in the preservation and enhancement of the City of Searcy's tree canopy;

WHEREAS, The City of Searcy recognizes the need to maintain the Searcy Tree Board and that citizens who live in the areas just outside of the City of Searcy could provide a benefit to the mission of the Searcy Tree Board;

WHEREAS, The City Council has reviewed and requested code changes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS;

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances for the City of Searcy, Arkansas is hereby amended as follows:

Amend Art. 9-5-1-1 to read:

“Searcy Tree Board. In order to develop a Community Tree Management Plan, the Searcy Tree Board is established for the City of Searcy, Arkansas. The Tree Board will consist of nine members, all citizens and either residents of Searcy, employed in Searcy, or has a vested interest in Searcy, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. At least one member shall be a member of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce; at least one member shall be either an elected official or employee of the City of Searcy. At least one member shall be a nurseryman, professional horticulturist, landscape architect, or master gardener. At least one member shall be a citizen at large. A member of the Arkansas Forestry Commission and a member of the White County Extension Service shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Searcy Tree Board. The Mayor may appoint other ex-officio members when their special expertise, education, or training could assist the Tree Board in carrying out the provision of this ordinance. Members of the Searcy Tree Board shall serve without compensation. The Searcy Tree Board, as it deems necessary for guidance, shall choose its own officers, establish its own rules and by-laws, and keep a record of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The term of the persons to be appointed by the Mayor shall be three years with staggered terms. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. The Searcy Tree Board shall assist the protection, maintenance,

and improvements of the City of Searcy's tree population and shall propose such measures as may be necessary and practical to pursue the ends for which the Searcy Tree Board was created.”

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that in light of the need to provide for the public, peace, health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of Searcy, Arkansas, an emergency exists and that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the passage of this ordinance and this emergency clause.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

**/s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy**

ATTEST:

**/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk**