

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1, SERIES 2012**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE TREE  
ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government ("Metro") wants to address concerns related to the health and extent of our tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the creation of policies to better care for existing trees and plant new ones would assist in addressing these concerns; and

WHEREAS, trees provide multiple benefits to our environment and daily lives as they cleanse the air, provide shelter and shade, reduce storm water runoff, conserve energy, reduce noise, add value to property, and reduce the heat-island effect;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROMULGATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF  
THE HONORABLE GREG FISCHER, MAYOR OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON  
COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Creation of the Tree Advisory Commission. There is hereby created the Tree Advisory Commission ("Commission").

Section 2. Composition of Commission.

- (A) The Commission will consist of the following representatives:
- (1) The Mayor shall appoint a Chair or Co-Chairs.
  - (2) A member of the Metro Council appointed by the Metro Council President.
  - (3) Up to 12 citizen members appointed by the Mayor, with one from each of the senatorial districts and up to four members appointed as members at large.
  - (4) The Director of Economic Development, or a designee, as the Mayor's representative.
- (B) The following ex officio members shall be non-voting members of the Commission:
- (1) The City Arborist.
  - (2) A representative from the Air Pollution Control District.
  - (c) A representative of the Department of Planning and Design Services.

(3) A representative of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(C) All members appointed under this Section (A) will have equal voting authority, and will utilize consensus decision-making through a participatory democratic process.

(D) All citizen members shall serve for a three (3) year term of office with a maximum of three terms. Length of initial terms may be designed so one third of board terms expire every year.

(E) All Metro employees serving by virtue of their office on either the Board or the Technical Advisory Committee shall serve a term for as long as they serve in the position named in (A) or (B) of this Section.

**Section 3. Composition of Technical Advisory Committee.**

(A) The Commission shall also have a Technical Advisory Committee. The Technical Advisory Committee members shall not have a vote on the Commission, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following ex officio advisory members:

- (1) A certified arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.
- (2) A representative from Brightside, Inc.
- (3) A representative from the Metropolitan Sewer District.
- (4) A representative of Louisville Gas and Electric.
- (5) A representative of the Waterfront Development Corporation.
- (6) A representative from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parks, Inc.
- (7) A representative from the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Inc.
- (8) A representative of the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The ex officio position of an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture shall serve a one (1) year term of office and shall be rotated annually.

**Section 4. Meetings.** The Commission shall meet a minimum of four times a year. Additional meetings may be called by the Co-chairs.

**Section 5. Bylaws and Officers.** The Commission may adopt bylaws and elect individuals to serve as Secretary and Treasurer. Other officers shall be determined by the Commission.

**Section 6. Workgroups.** Workgroups may be set up as needed by the Commission to conduct its business.

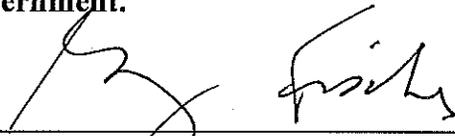
**Section 7. Duties of the Commission.**

The Commission may advise the Mayor or his designee on the following:

- (1) Issues affecting Louisville's tree canopy;
- (2) Provide recommendations for guidelines on the selection and placement of trees on city-owned property and public developments;
- (3) Educating the community and departments and agencies of Louisville Metro regarding the value of trees and proper ways to plant, maintain, and remove trees;
- (4) Serving as an advocate for the ongoing renewal of Louisville's tree canopy;
- (5) Creating a public tree fund with private donations; and
- (6) Monitoring and gathering data and publishing reports about the status of Louisville's tree canopy.

**Section 8.** This Executive Order shall take effect as of its signing.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012, by Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

  
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GREG FISCHER, MAYOR

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