

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING THE GRAND JUNCTION FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

RECITALS:

8 By and with this Ordinance the City Council amends the Grand Junction Municipal Code
9 (GJMC or Code) to provide for the appointment of two additional members to the Grand
10 Junction Forestry Board.

12 The Forestry Board (Board) was first established in 1914 and has been involved with
13 the protection and management of the urban forest since then. The Board's purposes
14 include acting as a reviewing body for determining professional qualifications and
15 competence and licensing to engage in the business of cutting, trimming, pruning,
16 spraying, or removing trees, making recommendation to the City Council for the
17 adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the tree service business in the City, and
18 investigating complaints relating to tree service businesses and the practice of
19 arboriculture.

21 Presently, the Board has five members and two alternates. The Board desires to
22 expand to seven members, with five of the seven having certain educational or work
23 experience, as described in the Code, and two members being lay people. There will
24 be no alternate members. The Board is interested in seeking additional technical
25 expertise on the Board and resolving, by abolishing alternate memberships on the
26 Board any uncertainty about the roles and responsibilities of alternates, as or will be
27 consistent with the bylaws of the Board as amended, increasing the membership of the
28 Board to seven members to help it fulfill its mission.

30 At the ___ 2022 meeting the City Council considered this Ordinance and determined
31 that amendment of the Code is necessary and proper and does for those reasons does
32 adopt and approve this Ordinance as follows.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
35 GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

37 Section 2.36.010 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code is amended as shown
38 (deletions struck through; additions underlined):

40 2.36.010 Created – Composition – Terms - Officers.

42 (a) There is hereby created a board to be known as the Forestry Board. The Board
43 shall be composed of ~~five~~ seven members and ~~up to~~ two alternate members who shall
44 be appointed by the City Council. The Board shall include ~~three~~ five persons selected
45 from the following categories: professional arborist, nursery professional, landscape
46 designer, pesticide applicator, otherwise trained or certified in a plant health industry

47 and include a representative of the State Forest Service if possible. The other two
48 members of the board may be lay persons. ~~The alternate members shall otherwise have~~
49 ~~the qualifications of other members of the Board and at least one of the alternates shall~~
50 ~~be selected from the categories listed: professional arborist, nursery professional,~~
51 ~~landscape designer, pesticide applicator, or otherwise trained or certified in a plant~~
52 ~~health industry. Each alternate member shall attend all meetings and shall serve during~~
53 ~~the temporary unavailability, including recusal, of any regular Board member as may be~~
54 ~~necessary or required. The alternate member, in addition to other duties prescribed by~~
55 ~~this code, shall be allowed to vote in the absence of a regular member. Terms of service~~
56 ~~shall be three years. When a regular member resigns, is removed or is no longer~~
57 ~~eligible to hold a seat on the Board, the City Council may or may not select an alternate~~
58 ~~to fill the vacancy if the alternate meets the same qualifications as the member to be~~
59 ~~replaced. If an alternate fills a seat of a regular member, then the City Council shall then~~
60 ~~name a replacement alternate. A chairperson and a vice-chairperson shall be elected~~
61 ~~each year and vacancies owing to death or resignation shall be filled by appointment for~~
62 ~~the unexpired term.~~

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65 All other provisions of Chapter 2.36 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code shall remain
66 in full force and effect.

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Amy Phillips
76 City Clerk

Anna M. Stout
President of the Council