

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2.30 OF THE LEBANON MUNICIPAL CODE NOW TITLED “LEBANON TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.”)))))	ORDINANCE BILL NO. 2018-6 ORDINANCE NO. 2913
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WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon annually observes Arbor Day by planting trees which produce life-giving oxygen and clean air; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon has been designated as a Tree USA City; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon 2040 Strategic Action plan envisions developing and encouraging recreational opportunities for the entire community to promote a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon recognizes that with the growth of the city and the potential for increased road use, it is necessary to provide safe ways for the increase of travel by non-motorized vehicles or walking within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon desires to reestablish an advisory Committee to review, educate, provide advice and promote bicycling and walking as alternate forms of transportation in the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LEBANON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2.30 of the Lebanon Municipal Code, Creating the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board, is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

2.29.010 Established.

There is hereby established an advisory Committee for the City of Lebanon, which shall be called the *Lebanon Trees & Trails Advisory Committee*.

2.29.15 Objectives/Purposes.

- A. The Trees and Trails Advisory Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the City of Lebanon while promoting and enhancing a healthy community.
- B. The Committee will advocate for the preservation and expansion of street trees in public spaces.
- C. The Committee may serve as the hearings Committee for hazardous trees to include:
 - 1. Assessing the condition of trees to determine the need for removal or replacement of said trees.
 - 2. Recommend a variety of trees for replacement.
- D. The Committee will advocate for bicycling and walking as healthy and non-polluting methods of transportation and recreation while promoting safety and awareness.

- E. The Committee may assess the condition and need for improvements for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and recommend the addition of new facilities within the city; including but not limited to:
1. Multi-use non-motorized trails/paths.
 2. Pedestrian crossing.
 3. On road bike lanes.
 4. Bicycle and pedestrian signage.
 5. Bicycle parking and storage facilities.
 6. Establish safe efficient traffic control devices for bicycles and pedestrians.
 7. Promote safe bicycle and walking practices and events.
 8. Maintenance of existing facilities/paths.
 9. Perform other such functions as requested by the City Council.
- F. The Committee may assess the condition and advise the City on street and road changes that may affect bicycle and pedestrian use.
- G. The Committee may advise the City on the long-term planning, budgeting, development and operation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

2.29.020 Membership – Appointment – Terms.

The Lebanon Trees & Trails Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. Members will include two (2) city staff members, two (2) trails enthusiast volunteers, two (2) trees enthusiast volunteers, and one (1) City Councilor. All members shall be appointed by the Lebanon City Council. The term of office for each volunteer member shall be three years. Volunteer members shall receive no compensation for their services and are eligible for reappointment.

Council will give preference, during the initial appointment process, to current members of the Parks/Tree Committee, Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and Build Lebanon Trails. The original volunteer appointees of the commission shall have the following terms: Two (2) members will have two-year terms and two (2) members will have three-year terms.

2.18.040 Organization of Committee – Meetings – Procedures.

The Lebanon Trees and Trails Committee may make rules and regulations for its own governance and procedures consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon as well as the charter and ordinances of the City of Lebanon. Four (4) voting members of the Lebanon Trees and Trails Committee shall constitute a quorum. At the first meeting of each calendar year Committee members shall select a chair and vice-chair from the membership.

The Lebanon Trees & Trails Committee shall meet at least quarterly each calendar year and may hold additional meetings as set by the Committee. Committee meetings are public meetings and require public notice. A Committee member who misses more than two consecutive meetings which are unexcused loses his/her position on the Lebanon Trees and Trails Committee. Absences due to sickness, death of a family member or similar emergencies shall be regarded as approved absences and shall not affect the member's status on the commission. In the event of a long illness, or such cause for prolonged absence, the member may be replaced.

2.29.050 Vacancies – Removal.

Vacancies in Committee positions shall be filled by appointment by the City Council, after the position has been advertised. The newly appointed member will fill the remaining term of the vacant commission position.

2.18.060 Responsibilities.

It is the responsibility of the Lebanon Trees and Trails Committee to:

A. Act as the City's advisory body to recommend projects to expand the community trails system and develop the urban forest through community tree planting events.

B. Work collaboratively with community non-profit groups with common trees and trails goals as may be appropriate.

C. Support and promote community trails, Tree City USA, and Arbor Day events and celebrations.

D. Assist the City Council and/or other Lebanon Committees and/or commissions in using trees and trails to enhance existing or future public development in public parks and other public lands.

E. Advise the City Council and/or other Lebanon Committees and/or commissions regarding the planting of trees or addition of trails within the City.

F. Recommend expenditures of funds for the maintenance or acquisition of trees or construction of public trails; and for administration of this program.

G. Develop and recommend to the City Council policies and programs that would enhance and encourage the planning, placement, insurance and maintenance of public trails and trees in locations within the community.

H. Advise the City of Lebanon on the maintenance, care and repair of trees or trails.

I. Recommend revisions to policies and guidelines for the improved implementation of this ordinance.

J. Recommend grants for building or maintaining the interconnective trails system and expanding the urban forest as appropriate.

K. Upon request, act as a hearings Committee to determine the need for the removal of hazardous trees and the appropriate species for replacement of trees after removal. The Committee may seek the analysis and recommendations of certified tree arborists concerning the need for tree removals.

2.18.070 Standards and Rules.

The Trees and Trails Committee shall be governed by the following standards and rules:

A. Members of the Lebanon Trees and Trails Committee shall operate in the interest of the general public and serve the community as a whole.

B. The Lebanon Trees and Trails Committee shall advise but not direct or authorize the expenditure of public funds.

Section 2. This ordinance becomes effective July 13, 2018.

Passed by the Lebanon City Council and executed by the Mayor on this 13th day of June 2018 by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays.

CITY OF LEBANON, OREGON



Paul R. Aziz, Mayor
Bob Elliott, Council President

ATTESTED BY:



Linda Kaser, City Clerk