

# **City of Brunswick**

**Glynn County**

**Brunswick MSA**

**2003 Population Estimate 15,984; +2.5% change from 2000 Census.**

**Not a Tree City USA.**

**Park and Tree Board with 5 members; no meeting frequency required by ordinance.**

## **DIVISION 3. PARK AND TREE BOARD**

**Year first adopted or last revised unknown.**

**Addresses public and private property.**

**Includes buffer requirements (in separate section).**

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**DIVISION 3. PARK AND TREE BOARD****Sec. 2-346. Created; composition; terms.**

There is hereby created and established for the city a park and tree board to supersede the park and tree commission established by an Act of 1931 (1931 Ga. Laws, page 696). The board shall consist of five adult citizens of the city who shall be appointed by the city commission for terms of five years each; provided however, that those persons serving on the park and tree commission as of the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived shall serve the remainder of their terms on the park and tree board created by such ordinance. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the term.

(Ord. No. 897, § 1, 12-19-1990)

**Sec. 2-347. Officers; rules and regulations; journal; quorum.**

The park and tree board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Ord. No. 897, § 5, 12-19-1990)

**Sec. 2-348. Duties regarding comprehensive tree plan.**

It shall be the responsibility of the park and tree board to study, investigate, develop, update annually and oversee the administration of a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. Such plan will be presented annually to the city commission and shall constitute the official comprehensive tree plan for the city, upon acceptance and approval by the city commission.

(Ord. No. 897, § 2, 12-19-1990)

**Sec. 2-349. Additional responsibilities.**

The park and tree board shall carry out the following additional responsibilities:

- (1) Develop standards of tree maintenance and other specifications to foster and protect the city's tree population, protect persons and property against injury and provide for safe and efficient passage of persons, vehicles and utilities through established rights-of-way;
- (2) Provide arbitration in disputes or disagreements concerning the maintenance of trees when requested;
- (3) Assist other city officials in identifying hazards caused by the deterioration of trees upon or overhanging public property;
- (4) Propose such legislation as may be needed and practicable to pursue the purposes for which the board was created.

(Ord. No. 897, § 3, 12-19-1990)

**Sec. 2-350. Studies and reports.**

When requested by the city commission, the park and tree board shall make a study and report its findings and recommendations on any special question coming within the scope of its work.

(Ord. No. 897, § 4, 12-19-1990)

parking requirements as set forth hereinabove.

(d) *Adequacy of loading area.* All uses, whether specified in this chapter or not, shall provide off-street loading areas sufficient for their requirements. Such spaces shall be adequate so that no vehicle being loaded or unloaded in connection with normal operations shall stand in or project into a public street, walk, alley or way.

(Ord. No. 877, § 3-20, 4-19-1989)

### **Sec. 23-3-21. Buffer requirements.**

(a) Whenever any nonresidential zoning district or use or any MH zoning district abuts a residential zoning lot or district (other than an MH district), a buffer strip shall be installed and/or maintained on the lot with the nonresidential zoning or use or MH zoning, along the lot line abutting the residential lot or district, in compliance with the following requirements:

(1) Existing trees and shrubs located between the lot line and building setback line shall not be removed without the express written approval of the building official.

(2) A buffer strip shall be planted with shrubs and/or trees so as to produce within one growing season a dense, compact evergreen planting screen which shall be capable of completely concealing from the residential zoning lot or district all work activities, equipment and parking within the less restrictive zoning or use and which shall be further capable of screening at least 75 percent of the vertical surfaces of any nonresidential structure.

(3) A landscaping plan identifying all plants to be incorporated in a buffer strip required herein must be approved by the building official prior to any site construction.

(4) All required plantings shall be permanently maintained in sound, healthy growing condition and shall be replaced with new plant materials whenever necessary to ensure continued compliance with applicable landscaping requirements.

(b) The building official shall be authorized to order the installation of additional plantings whenever he deems such additional plantings necessary to comply with the requirements of this section.

(c) The building official shall be authorized to permit the installation of a wood or masonry fence in lieu of a planted buffer where because of space constraints or other reason the requirement of a planted buffer would not be practical.

(d) The building official shall be authorized to waive the buffer requirement along street rights-of-way where the installation of a buffer would not be practical because of proximity to the street.

(Ord. No. 877, § 3-21, 4-19-1989; Ord. No. 878, § 1, 7-19-1989)

### **Sec. 23-3-22. Curb cuts and other access points.**

Openings through street curbing commonly referred to as "curb cuts," and as other means of vehicular access to and from private property shall be regulated in the several zoning districts established by this chapter in accordance with the following requirements: