

City of Gordon

Wilkinson County

Not located in a MSA.

2003 Population Estimate 2,131; -0.8% change from 2000 Census.

Tree City USA for 2 years.

City Tree Board with 5 members; no meeting frequency required by ordinance.

Tree Protection Ordinance

First adopted 2004. No revisions.

Addresses public and private property.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE BY PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE, AND REMOVAL OF TREES, SHRUBS, AND OTHER PLANTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GORDON.

Section I:

Trees are recognized for their importance in shading, cooling, noise and wind reduction, soil erosion prevention, oxygen production, dust filtration, carbon dioxide absorption, and aesthetic and economic enhancement of all real property. Their contribution to the general well being and quality of life for the citizens of Gordon is recognized and valued.

The City deems it necessary and desirable in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare to enact this ordinance for the preservation, planting and replacement of trees and shrubs and to prevent the indiscriminate removal of these and the reduction of canopy cover within the city.

Section II.

There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City of Gordon, which shall consist of five members, citizens and residents of this city, who shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

Section III.

The term of the five persons to be appointed by the mayor shall be three years, except that the term of two of the members appointed to the first board shall be for one year and the term of two members of the first board shall be for two years. If a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term by the mayor.

Section IV

The Board herein created shall have the power and authority:

- 1) To study and determine the problems and needs of the City of Gordon for the planting of trees and shrubberies in public places and right of ways.
- 2) Provide standards for the preservation of trees as part of the land development process.
- 3) Protect trees during construction, clearing, grading, or burning whenever possible in order to enhance the quality of life within the city of Gordon.

(4) To assist the City, Park, and Recreation Department in a program to protect and maintain existing trees, shrubs and green areas on all city owned properties, public areas and right of ways.

(5) To assist the proper officials and make available to the general public news and information regarding the selection, planting and maintenance of trees, shrubbery, and other greenery within the corporate limits of the city, and to recommend from time to time as necessary ordinances and other programs that will be beneficial to protect and maintain existing trees, shrubs and green areas and to encourage the development of private property owners of landscaped areas with trees and shrubs when requested.

(6) To conduct a survey of the existing trees and green areas and the history of such.

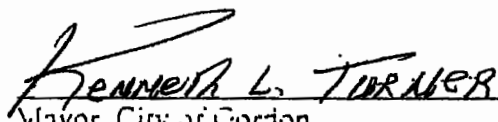
Section V:

The terms and provisions of The Tree Protection Ordinance and these standards shall apply to any activity which requires the issuance of a development or burning permit.

Section VI:

Officers and Meetings: Upon appointment of the initial Board by the Mayor and Council, said Board shall meet and elect one of its members as Chairman and one of its members as Secretary. The Commission shall then provide for the rules and procedures for the holding of regular and special meetings of the Commission as deemed advisable and necessary.

SO ORDAINED, this 22nd day of January 2004



Mayor, City of Gordon