

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD,
WASHINGTON, FORMALIZING THE FORMATION OF THE TREE ADVISORY
BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is a city, planning under the Growth Management Act, codified in RCW 36.70A, and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council adopted Title 18A, Land Use and Development Code, of the Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC) via Ordinance No. 264 on August 20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Lakewood City Council to consider and adopt amendments needed to ensure that the Land Use and Development Code provide appropriate policy and regulatory guidance for growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received public testimony related to tree preservation from multiple members of the public in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council requested that the City's tree preservation, Title 18A, Chapter 70, Article III of the Lakewood Municipal Code be revised in 2022; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021 and November 1, 2021 the City Council discussed the proposed methodology to revise the City's existing tree preservation regulations; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021 the City Council approved Motion No. 2021-92 to contract with BERK consulting and adopted a scope of work including the formation of a tree advisory board committee; and

WHEREAS, the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee is regulated by Title 2 Chapter 67 of the Lakewood Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021 City Council reviewed Title 2 Chapter 67 relevant to the formation of an Ad Hoc committee, discussed member expectations, outreach and membership size.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD,
WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:**

Section 1. The formation of a Tree Advisory Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing the existing regulations found in Title 18A, Chapter 70, Article III of the Lakewood Municipal Code.

Section 2. The work plan for the committee shall be consistent with the approved scope of work attached to the professional services agreement for BERK consulting approved on November 15, 2021 via Motion No. 2021-92 which states, "is anticipated that the

committee would serve as a sounding board and provide advice and input to the Planning Commission and City Council.”

Section 3. The Tree Advisory Ad Hoc Committee will be no greater than thirteen (13) members. The committee should allow for diverse representation, membership shall include:

1. Two members with environmental expertise and/or interest.
2. Two members from the development/real estate community.
3. One member active in a local City of Lakewood neighborhood and/or homeowner association.
4. One member of the City of Lakewood Youth Council.
5. Two members from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible census tracks.

Section 4. The Tree Advisory Ad Hoc Committee position will be advertised for a period of 30 days. At the conclusion of the application period, the City Council will evaluate the contribution that each applicant may make if appointed to the committee. Criteria to guide the City Council in its evaluation may include:

- a. Ability to communicate with other committee members and the public;
- b. Desire to perform public service;
- c. Ability to express ideas, concepts or philosophies; and
- d. Desire to participate in the decision-making process.

Once formed, the Ad Hoc committee will be required to appoint a chair and vice chair. Thus, the City Council may also want to evaluate potential member’s leadership abilities, such as:

- e. Past or present leadership experience;
- f. Past or present participation in community services; and
- g. Expressed interest in a leadership role.

Section 5. Members appointed by the City Council will be notified by the City Clerk.

Section 6. Members of the Tree Advisory Ad Hoc Committee will be held to the following expectations:

- All committee meetings are to be conducted in public session and noticed in accordance with State law.
- Committee members are expected to attend approximately six (6) meetings between February and June, 2022.
- Individual committee members and the collective group will listen carefully to community opinions, attitudes and needs to report to the Mayor and City Council.
- Individual committee members will be fair, impartial and respectful of public, staff and each other.

- Committee members will respect the limitations of their individual and collective authority. The role of the committee is to advise the City Council and/or staff. An appointment does not empower a committee member to make final decisions or supervise staff.
- Members will strive to appreciate difference in approach and point of view, whether from each other, the community, the City Council or staff.
- Each member will participate in the group’s discussions and work assignments without dominating the discussion or activity of the committee.
- The committee chair will ensure that all members have a fair, balanced and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge and perspectives.
- The committee will attempt to reach a consensus on issues. If consensus is not possible, strong differing opinions, such as “minority” opinions, should be recorded and acknowledged in the committee’s report to the City Council.

Section 7. The Ad Hoc Committee will hold approximately six (6) meetings from February through May, 2022.

Section 8. The Ad Hoc Committee will provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council no later than June 1, 2022. Pursuant to LMC 2.67.050, “the City Council may allow the committee to terminate as scheduled without completion of the work, amend the work plan as desired to accomplish the purposes intended or extend the term of the existing work plan to a specific date.”

Section 9. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of December, 2021.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney