

OFFICIAL**BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1122**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6, OF THE FOREST HILLS BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, TO REPEAL AND RESTATE SECTION 1-631, SHADE TREE AND SHRUB COMMITTEE, IN ITS ENTIRETY TO REESTABLISH THE SHADE TREE AND SHRUB COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH, ITS POWERS, AND DUTIES.

WHEREAS, Sections 2721 – 2724.1 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. §§ 101 *et seq.*, authorize the Borough of Forest Hills (the “Borough”) to establish a Shade Tree and Shrub Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough on March 18, 1992, by Ordinance Number 830, codified as Section 1-631 of the Borough of Forest Hills Code of Ordinances, as amended, established a Shade Tree and Shrub Committee for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor has reviewed the provisions Section 1-631 regarding the Shade Tree and Shrub Committee, and has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough to revise the same in accordance with the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1-631 of Chapter 1 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Administration and Government, is repealed in its entirety and restated as follows:

§ 1-631 Shade Tree and Shrub Committee.

1. The "Forest Hills Shade Tree and Shrub Committee," is hereby authorized and established. The Shade Tree and Shrub Committee shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities and duties provided by this ordinance and the Pennsylvania Borough Code.
2. The Forest Hills Shade Tree and Shrub Committee (FHSTSC, STSC, Shade Tree and Shrub Committee) is responsible for curating all trees and decorative shrubbery on public streets and Borough property, including all parks and playgrounds. The STSC in consultation with a certified arborist may make recommendations to Borough Council for the removal of diseased or hazard trees, pruning and replacement of shade trees, planting, transplanting, or installing green infrastructure to best manage or reduce the costs and impacts of stormwater runoff. The STSC will also review requests from residents to remove, maintain or plant trees in the right of way and recommend approval or denial to Borough Council.
3. The chairperson of the STSC shall serve as liaison to Borough Council.
4. The STSC shall work with other Borough committees and groups and its members shall be aware of and respect the powers and duties granted to other boards and committees established by Borough Council to avoid duplication of effort.
5. The STSC's advice and recommendation will be taken into consideration by Borough Council prior to motions or actions taken involving matters under the scope of the STSC's responsibilities when such advice and/or recommendations are available to Borough Council.
6. The STSC shall be notified prior to committee discussions and/or council votes which

require their input such that the STSC has at least one month to consider and advise on any action. However, Borough Council, in its sole discretion, may proceed with discussion or a vote on any such matter prior to STSC's input if doing so is in the best interests of the Borough.

7. STSC Members are encouraged to attend Borough Council meetings and shall receive via email the agendas of the Borough committee and Borough Council meetings which require their input.
8. The STSC shall be composed of not less than three (3) or more than seven (7) persons, all of whom shall be residents of the Borough. Council shall give preference to those with relevant knowledge and expertise in horticulture. Appointments of the members of the STSC shall be made by motion of the Borough Council for a term of three (3) years.
9. The STSC shall meet at least monthly, at its discretion and shall keep minutes of its meetings and records of its activities and shall make a written report annually to Borough Council by March 1st of each year.
10. The STSC shall elect its officers annually from among its members. A chairperson and secretary shall be elected.
11. The STSC shall follow its bylaws and reasonable rules and regulations for the administration of its business. The STSC's bylaws, rules, and regulations shall be established by Borough Council.
12. Borough Council may appoint no more than three (3) residents of the Borough to serve as alternate members of the STSC. Appointments of alternate members of the STSC shall be made by motion of the Borough Council for a term of three (3) years.
13. If, by reason of absence or disqualification of a member, or members, a quorum or a full complement of members is not reached, the Chairperson of the STSC shall designate as many alternate members to sit on the STSC as may be needed to provide a quorum or a full complement of members. Any alternate member shall continue to serve on the STSC only so long as deemed necessary by the Chairperson. When seated pursuant to the provisions of this section, an alternate shall be entitled to participate in all proceedings and discussions of the STSC to the same and full extent as provided by law for STSC members, including specifically the right to cast a vote as a voting member and shall have all the powers and duties set forth in this section and as otherwise provided by law. Any alternate may participate in any proceeding or discussion of the STSC but shall not be entitled to vote as a member unless designated as a voting alternate member by the Chairperson pursuant to this section.
14. Any member of the STSC once qualified and appointed may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office or for other just cause by a majority vote of the Borough Council taken after the member has received 15 days' advance notice of the intent to take such a vote. A hearing shall be held in connection with the vote if the member requests it in writing. Any appointment to fill a vacancy created by removal shall be only for the unexpired term.
15. Vacancies during a term shall be filled by an alternate member selected by the Chairperson upon approval made by motion of the Borough Council. If an alternate member is not willing to fill a vacancy, the Borough Council shall appoint a resident of the Borough to fill the vacancy in accordance with § 1-631.8 herein.

SECTION 2. All prior ordinances are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

ORDAINED and **ENACTED** this 19th day of June, 2024, by the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills in lawful session duly assembled.

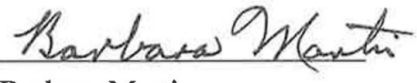
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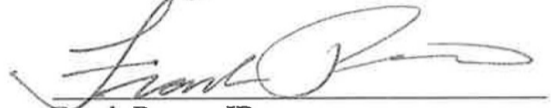


Seth Abrams
Borough Manager
(SEAL)

By: 

Barbara Martin
President, Borough Council

EXAMINED and **APPROVED** this 14th day of August, 2024.



Frank Porco, JR.
Mayor