

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A VILLAGE TREE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY TREE CARE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD DETERMINE PUBLIC POLICIES ENCOMPASSING THE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SHADE TREES AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBBERY ON PUBLIC LAND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, numerous citizens of the Village of Richfield have expressed interest in promoting the planting of trees and shrubbery on public lands within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Service Department of the Village of Richfield is to be commended for the excellent job in tree and shrubbery planting and maintenance throughout the Village's public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Richfield also appreciates the beauty of trees and shrubbery along its streets and other public places and wishes to preserve, maintain and further promote this beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Richfield is aware that periodically grants are available for financial assistance to facilitate tree planting programs and in order to qualify, a tree commission and comprehensive tree program be established; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many community organizations, businesses and individual volunteers throughout our community who have demonstrated the ability to work in a cooperative effort to improve the appearance of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Richfield, State of Ohio:

**Section 1:** A commission consisting of 5 members, one chosen from within Council and one chosen from within the Park and Recreation Board each to serve one year terms, and three Village residents chosen by the Mayor to serve staggered terms, so that initially one term will expire December 31, 1994, one term December 31, 1995 and one term December 31, 1996. Thereafter terms would be three year terms. These terms will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. The commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Park and Recreation Board and to the Village Service Director and shall establish public policies for the installation and maintenance of trees and ornamental shrubbery within Village owned or controlled property.

- Section 2:** A comprehensive community tree care program be developed which would be funded by money currently being used for tree care by Village along with the volunteer efforts of the community matched by applicable State grant monies if available.
- Section 3:** This plan would consider the aesthetic, architectural, historic and climatic factors in the selection of species that are appropriate to the areas in which they are to be planted. It would rate site areas both in terms of need and in terms of providing the maximum visual impact and would prioritize the work to be done accordingly. The key to the plan's success is the commissions' ability to harness the energies of Richfield's many community organizations and individual volunteers working in partnership with the Village Service Department, local businesses and horticulture centers interested in improving the appearance of our community.
- Section 4:** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: June 1, 1993

David W. Howard  
Council President  
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Ralph R. Waszak, Sr.  
Mayor Ralph R. Waszak, Sr.

Dated: 6/1/93

ATTEST:

Peggy Malone  
Clerk of Council  
May N. (Peggy) Malone