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**URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL**

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**Authority:**

Environment Code, Chapter 12 (Ordinance Nos. 171-03; and 210-08), and Public Works Code, Section 803 (Ordinance No. 165-95; and 17-06)

**Board Qualifications:**

The Urban Forestry Council protects the community interest and ensures that San Francisco realizes the full range of tree benefits into the future. Council members will represent the full range of urban forest stakeholders, including City agencies, non-profit organizations, tree management organizations, and community members.

The Urban Forestry Council shall be comprised of eleven (11) voting members, seven (7) of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

- > One (1) member from an educational organization involved with tree management (University of California Cooperative Extension, etc.);
- > Two (2) members certified by a professional tree management organization (International Society of Arboriculture, American Society of Consulting Arborists, or American Society of Landscape Architects);
- > Two (2) members of non-profit organizations involved in urban forestry or other environmentally-related issues; and
- > Two (2) members from the community.

The Mayor shall appoint two (2) voting members, as follows:

- > One (1) member from the tree care industry; and
- > One (1) member at large.

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The following departments shall have voting members:

- > Director of the Department of Public Works or his/her designee (1); and
- > Director of the Planning Department or his/her designee (1) .

The Council shall have advisory members comprised of representatives from the following departments: > Recreation and Park Department; and  
> Public Utilities Commission.

In addition, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area are invited to send representatives to sit as advisory members of the Council.

Members shall serve for two-year terms and can serve successive terms if reappointed by the body originally appointing the Council member. The Body that appoints Council members also may appoint at-large members to serve any unfilled Council positions.

The Council shall meet at least once each month and establish its own operating procedures, which at a minimum, shall meet the public notice, meeting, voting, agenda and other procedural requirements set forth in local law. Subcommittees shall be created to adequately address other special areas of concern on an as needed basis.

The Department of the Environment, with adequate funding to assist the Council in carrying out its mission, shall provide professional and administrative staff to the Council.

Reports: The Council shall report to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor by September 1st each year regarding the state of the urban forest. The report shall contain a review of the quality of urban forest stewardship and an assessment of how well public agencies and other urban forest managers are implementing the Urban Forest Plan.

Sunset Date: The Council shall continue to operate unless the Board of Supervisors terminates the code section or creates a successor to the Urban Forestry Council.