

## CHAPTER 13. TREE ORDINANCE

13.01 Title: This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Tree Ordinance of Pesotum, Illinois.

13.02 Purpose and Intent.

A. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Ordinance 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, preserving tree resources, enhancing the quality of life, promoting tree health and urban forest conditions, prevent construction damage to trees, and enhance storm damage mitigation strategies within Pesotum, Illinois.

B. Intent. It is the intent of the Board of Trustees of Pesotum that the terms of this Ordinance shall be construed so as to promote the planting, maintenance, restoration, and survival of desirable trees, shrubs and other plants within Pesotum, Illinois.

13.03 The Pesotum Beautification Organization; Establishment, Composition, Appointment of Members, Duties.

A. Establishment. The Pesotum Beautification Organization (hereinafter "PBO") is hereby established and its duties shall be to develop and administer a comprehensive tree management program for the care of trees on public property as directed from time to time by the Village Board of Trustees. Its functions and duties are limited to those set forth in this Ordinance.

B. Duties. The Pesotum Beautification Organization shall advise, consult, and recommend action to the Village Board of Trustees and its Parks and Recreation Committee on any matter pertaining to the Pesotum Tree Ordinance and its enforcement, particularly with reference to Village-owned property which is defined as property within the limits of Pesotum, Illinois, and owned by the city in fee simple absolute, or implied or expressly dedicated to the public for present or future use for purposes of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or for public easements. The topics under which such advice, consultation, and recommended action may be given include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

1. amendments to the Pesotum Tree Ordinance, and alterations or revisions of any Urban Forestry Plan;
2. policies concerning selection, planting, maintenance, and removal of trees, shrubs, and other plants within the Village, including all vegetation, woody or otherwise, except lawn grass and flowers less than 24 inches in height; and
3. recycling and use of wood chips, mulch and other wood residue products;

4. allocation and expenditure of funds to fulfill the purpose of the ordinance as appropriated by the Village.

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