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## ORDINANCE NO. 77-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 917.20 AND 917.22 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES TREE REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Sections 917.20 and 917.22 of the City of Conneaut Codified Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

### 917.20 TREE REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.

A program of partial reimbursement to persons-property owners removing trees and stumps within the treelawn within the City of Conneaut is hereby established and shall be administered as set forth herein. This program shall ~~exclude~~ include residential and commercial properties and shall exclude industrial property, and new home construction.

### 917.22 APPLICATIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

- (a) PersonsProperty owners wishing to apply for the Tree Removal Reimbursement Program shall submit a written application to the City Manager's Office, by September 1 for the following year. Application shall be distributed and accepted by the City Manager's office and shall contain a written estimate from a reputable contractor.
- (b) The City Manager's office shall prioritize the applications for the tree removal reimbursement program using the following criteria:
  - 1) The size of the tree to be removed
  - 2) The length of time the applicant has owned the property next to the treelawn where the tree to be removed is located
  - 3) The degree to which the tree presents a risk of damage or injury to the public.
  - 4) The ability of the landowner to pay for the tree removal without City assistance.
  - 4)5) Applications for residential properties shall have priority over commercial properties.
- (c) For the budget for each new year, Council shall appropriate into a designated account funding for the Tree Removal Reimbursement Program. No funds shall be disbursed by the City for the Tree Removal Reimbursement Program except from such designated fund.
- (e)(d) The amount to be reimbursed for each property owner shall not exceed \$250.00 for tree removal or \$50.00 for stump removal, or half of the submitted estimate, whichever is less.
- ~~(d) The City Manager's office shall, no later than March 1, provide a list to Council prioritizing the applications for tree removal assistance, establishing the amount to be reimbursed the landowner (not to exceed \$250.00 for tree removal or \$50.00 for stump removal, or half of the submitted estimate, whichever is less) and providing a date by which the repairs must be completed which shall not exceed a period of 60 days from May 1st. If the repair work is not completed within said 60-day period, the City Manager may then remove the name from the list, and select the next landowner with which the work must be completed within an additional 60 days.~~

- (e) In addition, successful applicants shall arrange for a pre-inspection and post-inspection by the Planning, Housing and Zoning Office of the area in which the tree was removed prior to any individual or entity beginning demolition or construction. Said inspections are for the purpose of insuring the removal of said trees and/or stumps are accomplished in accordance with all relevant Conneaut ordinances, regulations and rules.
- (f) Once tree/stump removal is completed, a paid invoice must be presented to the Planning and Community Development Department. Upon post-inspection and approval of work performed, the project will be submitted to the Finance Department for reimbursement.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is not declared an emergency and shall take effect 30 days after passage.

Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.

Ann A. Quinn  
President of Council

ATTEST:

Pamela O'Connell  
Clerk of Council

I, Pamela O'Connell, Clerk of the Council of the City of Conneaut, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ord. No. 77-21 passed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 20 21, by said Council.

Pamela O'Connell  
Clerk of Council 8/23/21