

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2014

General Ordinance No. 27, 2014 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove pursuant to trees and flora.

WHEREAS, the Greenscape Commission was started to focus on trees and flora and to bring awareness to how important these items are for our city; and

WHEREAS, rules have been established concerning the planting of trees, inventory of trees and the types of trees that are recommended to be planted throughout our city; and

WHEREAS, inspection of trees for removal and to prevent migration of insects occurs throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Greenscape Commission desires to have a set of rules concerning side walk issues and tree roots.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Common Council desires to amend Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances pursuant to sidewalk and root penetration.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Common Council desires that the following amendment be included in Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances

SECTION 105.10 PROTECTION OF TREES AND FLORA

ADD THE FOLLOWING:

(D) When damage to a sidewalk panel occurs from intrusive trees and tree roots, an inspection should occur by the City. A description of the issue and a photo should be made along with a recommendation to correct the sidewalk panel issue. Prior to any removal of tree roots or the tree itself, it is recommended to use one of four recommendations to stabilize the sidewalk panel, Temporary patch, sidewalk meandering, sidewalk ramping and flexible materials in order to save the tree. Should the City decide to remove the sidewalk panel and remove the roots, an ISA Certified Arborist should supervise the pruning of roots.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED the Common Council desires to amend the Code of Ordinances pursuant to Chapter 105.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance only applies to Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDANED that this ordinance shall go into effect sixty days after passage by the Common Council, signed by the Council President, attested by the Clerk Treasurer and signed by the Mayor.