

# Arbor Day Proclamation

## Resolution 2022-03

- Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- Whereas,* the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Sally Belangia, Mayor of the City of Oriental, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2022, as

# Arbor Day

In the City of Oriental, North Carolina and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated* this first day of March in the year 2022

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

2022-281

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIENTAL CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL,

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter H, Article I, entitled GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 4, be amended as follows:

**CHAPTER M -- ORIENTAL TREES**

**ARTICLE I -- GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**Section 4 – By-Laws**

a) Purpose – The purpose of the Oriental Tree Board is to foster the short-term and long-range management of street, park and other public trees in Oriental, North Carolina. The Oriental Tree Board will also encourage the use of trees to create a more natural and amenable human environment.

b) Creation, Composition and Terms of Office -

i) The Town of Oriental Tree Board was created and established as a duly constituted legal arm of the Town of Oriental by action of the Town Board of Oriental at the July 7, 1992 regular Town Meeting. The Tree Board shall consist of ~~seven~~ **eight-(87)** regular members. The regular members shall be ~~(6)~~ citizens and residents **and up to (4) (2) members who reside outside the Town limits** of the Town of Oriental and shall be appointed by the Town Board from names submitted by the Tree Board. Ex-officio members may be appointed as necessary by the Chairman of the Tree Board.

**Section 3.** That these changes become effective immediately following adoption.

**ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2022.**

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager

Ordinance # 2022-281 \_\_\_\_\_