

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
BY THE MAYOR

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER FOR TREE
RECOMPENSE FOR TREES REMOVED FOR
GREENSPACE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the removal of trees is occasionally required to design and effectively complete projects in the course of developing Greenspace projects that include Parks, Recreation Facilities and Walking Trails; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Green Team is the group administratively charged with the review of Greenspace projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has a commitment to preserve trees and the Green Team recommends that all Greenspace projects should comply with the requirements of the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance (City Code section 158-26, et seq.). In that regard, all Greenspace projects that include tree removal must replace the trees removed and/or pay money into the Tree Trust Fund (money paid into the Tree Trust Fund is hereinafter referred to as "Tree Recompense") in a manner and an amount that is consistent with the requirements of the Tree Protection Ordinance. All costs associated with tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense should be included in the total budget costs for each project; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team has reviewed the best methods to finance tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense for Greenspace projects; and

WHEREAS, within Greenspace projects that are initiated by or sponsored by the City of Atlanta, the City of Atlanta should fund the tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense costs and the determination of which funds are available should be a part of the review process of each project; and

WHEREAS, for Greenspace projects that are initiated by outside organizations, the costs associated with the tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense should be borne solely by the organization that initiated the project; and

WHEREAS, in each event, the cost of the tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense will not be waived and must be deemed a necessary item to be included in the total project cost.

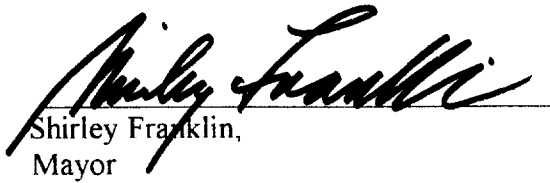
NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHIRLEY FRANKLIN, Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, hereby order as follows:

Section 1: Effective immediately, the cost of tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense, owed pursuant to the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance, for trees removed for Greenspace projects initiated or sponsored by the City of Atlanta, will be funded by the City of Atlanta and a determination of funds available for that purpose shall be a part of the review of each project.

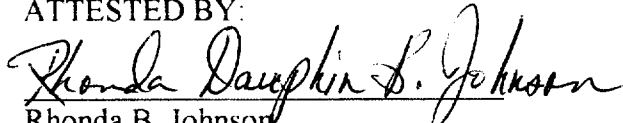
Section 2: That for Greenspace projects initiated by any outside organization, the costs associated with tree replacement and/or Tree Recompense, owed pursuant to the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance, will be borne solely by the organization that initiated the project.

Section 3: That in each event, the requirements of the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance regarding tree replacement and Tree Recompense will not be waived, and all costs arising there from must be deemed a necessary item to be included in the total project cost.

SO ORDERED THIS 25th day of MAY, 2006.


Shirley Franklin,
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Rhonda B. Johnson
Municipal Clerk