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Dear Fellow Residents:

The City's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was held on Saturday, March 19. For the second year in a row, our residents and approximately 50 children braved the elements to participate despite the inclement weather. A special thank you to **Council Members Talbott Allen, Cheryl Willett and Louie Schweickhardt**, to all those who attended, and as always, to our special guest, the Easter Bunny.

Our **Second Annual Arbor Day Celebration** will be held in the Ascension School Cafeteria on Saturday, April 23, at 2:00 PM. St. Regis Park has been honored with the designation of **Tree City USA**. This award will officially be presented to our City by Ms. Sarah Gracey, Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Forestry. In addition, the inaugural **St. Regis Park Tree Hero Award** will be presented to **Dorney Thompson** and **Libby Wahl** of Lincoln Road. Please join us for the festivities and share in the recognition of this honor being bestowed upon our City.

DOGS! There have been a number of complaints recently regarding dogs – dogs running loose, dogs biting people, dogs barking excessively and disturbing neighbors, and residents failing to pick up their dog's waste. All of these issues are covered by St. Regis Park Ordinances: *90.02 Animals Running At Large; 90.03 Noise Disturbance; 90.06 Removing and Discarding Animal Waste; 90.08 Animals Attacking and Biting*, and **all of these issues can be addressed by using Common Sense and Courtesy**. If someone is bitten or attacked by a dog, this should be reported immediately. If you have complaints or concerns, please contact either the St. Regis Park City Hall (502/654-8145 or stregispark@gmail.com) or the City's Citation Officer, Mr. Kenny Betts (502/664-2784).

All of us look forward to warmer and more seasonal temperatures and **sunshine**. I hope all of you enjoy the activities and events of this year's *Kentucky Derby Festival* and that you each hold the winning tickets on both Oaks and Derby Day. Whether or not you're a winner at the races, remember you're still a winner here because **the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live and together, we can make it even better!**

Sincerely,

Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 3	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) NATIONAL TEACHER DAY
MAY 4	THE GREAT STEAMBOAT RACE
MAY 5	CINCO DE MAYO THE PEGASUS PARADE
MAY 6	THE KENTUCKY OAKS
MAY 7	THE KENTUCKY DERBY
MAY 8	MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 10	RECYCLING PICKUP
MAY 12	ST. ANDREW FARMERS' MARKET
MAY 14	FREE RECYCLING EVENT (LOUISVILLE WATER TOWER PARK)
MAY 21	ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 24	RECYCLING PICKUP
MAY 30	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2016

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:03 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, Stephen Hoard, Louie Schweickhardt, Cheryl Willett. Absent: Council Members Eric Shackelford and Frank Wheatley.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Davis advised any necessary amendments to the 2015-2016 Budget, as well as the 2016-2017 Ad Valorem and Sanitation Tax Rates and the 2016-2017 Budget would be presented at the May 3, 2016 Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for March 2016. General Fund revenues for the month were \$5,112.91 with year-to-date revenues at \$348,507.58. Total expenses for the month were \$21,724.37 with year-to-date expenses at \$226,645.73, resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$121,861.85.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,120.21 with year-to-date revenues at \$21,833.21. Total expenses were \$2,705.00 with year-to-date expenses at \$11,980.00, resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$9,853.21.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the March 2016 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt, and it passed without dissent.

MINUTES:

Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoard, and it passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

The Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) Small City Activity Report for the month of March will be published in the May newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

No Report

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS (Absent)

Although Mr. Betts was absent, he earlier provided a written report for the month of March. He patrolled 107 miles, issued 9 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 2 complaints and conducted 11 contacts/communications made.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler requested that *ORDINANCE 5, SERIES 2015-2016, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RELATING TO*

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, continue to be tabled pending any decision by Metro Louisville.

Mr. Singler gave a 2nd Reading of *ORDINANCE 6, SERIES 2015-2016, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TREE BOARD AND RELATING TO THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TREES AND SHRUBS WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK*. Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Singler gave a 2nd Reading of *ORDINANCE 7, SERIES 2015-2016, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK*. Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All present, with the exception of Mr. Allen, approved the motion. Mr. Allen was opposed. The motion passed.

Mr. Singler presented *CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK, KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 3, 2015-2016, A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO TREE MAINTENANCE INCENTIVES*. This being a municipal order only binding during the term of the current City Council, no motion/vote was necessary.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt contacted the contractor who previously painted house numbers on the curbs for repainting this spring. The cost of the project in 2014 approximated \$3,800.00, however, the contractor provided Mr. Schweickhardt with a current estimate of some \$7,000.00 for the project. It was the consensus of the Council this current estimate was too high. Mr. Schweickhardt will seek additional estimates from other contractors.

Mr. Schweickhardt reported he had learned from LG& E that LED street lights would not be available for installation in St. Regis Park until mid-2017. Higher wattage bulbs could be installed at this time with considerable costs to the City. It was felt the City should wait for installation of the LED lights in 2017.

Mr. Graves reminded the Council, approximately one year ago, April 4, 2015, the City was inundated with more than six inches of rain in a very short period of time. This resulted in considerable damage to numerous residents of St. Regis Park through either basement flooding, sewer back-ups or both. Mr. Graves said it was his understanding numerous storm drains throughout the City are clogged with leaves, trash or other debris that have washed into the drains. Mr. Graves felt the storm drains should be inspected and cleaned to prevent the possibility of future loss of property. Mr. Schweickhardt will contact the City Engineer, Mr. Mel Milburn, to inspect the storm drains and to provide the Metropolitan Sewer District, MSD, with a list of the drain basins to be cleaned and to follow-up accordingly.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

Mr. Allen thanked both Ms. Willett and Mr. Schweickhardt for their assistance and oversight of the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19. Despite the worst weather ever, some 50 children braved the elements to participate. Mr. Graves suggested perhaps in the future an alternate date or even

The City has "No Parking" signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call City Clerk Bill Hodapp at 654-8145 for information regarding the use of these signs.

moving the Easter Egg Hunt inside one of the local churches be considered in the event of inclement weather. The Council agreed those alternatives should be considered in the planning of next year's event.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett also expressed her appreciation for those who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. Ms. Willett advised that as in past years, the Farmers' Market would resume at the St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, on May 12. The market will be open 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday through October 13 – rain or shine.

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD

Mr. Hoard reported a building permit was issued for a shed to be constructed at 4318 Mt. Vernon Road. He also advised there had been no further activity of the part of the resident who earlier inquired as to the possibility of placing a visual screen along Weicher Creek. This was followed by a short discussion of several properties in the City that seemed unsightly. The Citation Officer, Mr. Betts, will follow-up accordingly. Mr. Bob Feger of Lincoln Road said he had heard of several incidences of dogs running loose and biting residents. Mayor Davis stated to his knowledge none of these occurrences had been reported but should be so appropriate action could be taken to insure the safety of all citizens.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY (Absent)

No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

No Report.

FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD (Absent)

No Report.

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Mary Mattingly representing the City Tree Board and Ms. Cindi Sullivan, City Arborist, attended the meeting and discussed the following:

The City of St. Regis Park has achieved *Tree City USA* status. Ms. Sarah Gentry, Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Forestry, will officially present the award at the City's Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 23. Ms. Mattingly displayed the plaque which will be presented to the City as well as a 3'x5' flag noting the City's *Tree City USA* status.

Also at the Arbor Day Celebration, the City's inaugural *St. Regis Park Tree Hero Award* will be presented to Dorney Thompson and Libby Wahl of 4400 Lincoln Road.

The Tree Board will develop an application for citizens to participate in the City's Tree Maintenance Incentive Program. The City will provide reimbursement of up to 40% of the total cost of tree maintenance or removal up to a total amount of \$500.00 per household per year as long as such work is approved by the City Arborist and done by a qualified, insured and bonded tree contractor with a certified arborist on staff. This incentive program will only be available for work done on trees located in the front yard, or in side-street yards for corner lots. Additional details to be announced.

The Tree Board is also considering a Four Seasons Tree Photography Contest. Additional details will be announced as the project is developed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No other participation.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Schweickhardt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk

(These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis.)

Approved:

Brandt Davis, Mayor, City of St. Regis Park
 The City of St. Regis Park allows a public comment section during its meetings. These public comments are summarized in the City Council Minutes. The views expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the City of St. Regis Park.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2016

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	4	3	75%
Talbott Allen	4	2	50%
Bob Graves	4	4	100%
Stephen Hoard	4	3	75%
Louie Schweickhardt	4	4	100%
Eric Shackelford	4	3	75%
Frank Wheatley	4	3	75%
Cheryl Willett	4	4	100%



St. Regis Park-- A Tree City USA

- Please join us for the awarding of this honor and our 2nd annual celebration of Arbor Day!
- Saturday, April 23rd, 2:00, Ascension Cafeteria
- Refreshments and Activities for Children
- Program:
 - Introductions
 - Sarah Gracey, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Kentucky Division of Forestry--
Presentation of the Tree City Award
 - Presentation of the inaugural *St. Regis Park Tree Hero Award* and special guests
 - Announcement of the year-long tree photo contest
 - Sign-ups for city-purchased trees this Spring
 - Raffle for Arbor Day tree giveaway--Crepe Myrtle
 - Leave your questions and requests for our City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan

BRANCHING OUT



TREE CITY USA

Our St. Regis Park tree news keeps getting better. Here's what's new and a few reminders!

\$\$\$ for Tree Care!

The Mayor and the City Council recently approved a one-year pilot program of **tree maintenance for our larger trees!** As happy as we have been to plant new trees, we know a big part of maintaining our tree canopy is to protect the large trees we already have. To that end this program for fiscal year 2016-2017 will reimburse citizens 40% of their expenditures, up to \$500, for pruning, limbing-up, dead wooding, cabling, or bracing a tree; for preventive emerald ash borer treatment for healthy ash trees, or for the removal of a dead tree. Homeowners will fill out a simple application and have the City Arborist approve their plan to have a qualified, insured, and bonded tree contractor who has an arborist on staff, perform the work. The application form will be available on the website in the next few weeks, and in next month's newsletter, and will be effective July 1, 2016 (through June 30, 2017). We have allocated \$20,000 for this work and hope our citizens will take advantage of this offer that enhances the value of all homes in the city!

Arbor Day and Our Tree City USA Award!

In case you missed our big news last month, the City of St. Regis Park will be formally announced as a new **Tree City USA** at our Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 23rd! We hope you will join us at 2 PM in the Ascension cafeteria for the presentation by the state forestry service, representing the **Tree City USA** program. We will also present an inaugural "**Tree Hero**" Award to Dorney Thompson and Libby Wahl, whose long-protected and varied stand of trees go all the way back to Dorney's parents, the home's original owners. We'll tell you more about our honorees in next month's **Branching Out**. At our second annual Arbor Day celebration, we will also have refreshments, tree

activities for kids, an announcement of a year-long tree photography contest, a chance to win an ornamental tree in a raffle, and several opportunities to ask questions and sign up for a tree as part of our expanded tree program.

You Can Still Re-Tree the Park!

Finally, we want to remind you our free tree program now extends to back yards that need trees. Between now and April 30th, you may still sign up to have Cindi Sullivan, our City Arborist, come check your lawn for a good spot to plant a shade tree. There will be no cost to you, but you will sign an agreement to keep the tree watered and mulch it as needed. We really hope you will take advantage of this program—it is an extraordinary opportunity to improve our city's tree canopy. As trees grow larger, they shade your home and reduce your energy costs, they increase the value of your home and your neighbors', and they provide beauty, charm, and variety to any community.

Bag It!

Even if you have one of the first batch of trees we have planted, you still need to put your Gator Bag back on your tree. It is damp right now, but soon trees will need to be watered weekly, then more often when it gets hot and dry. As a general rule, the bag should have gone back on St. Patrick's Day and should stay through Thanksgiving. Thanks!

Spring in Louisville means beautiful dogwoods, tulip poplars, and the re-greening of all trees! Enjoy, and continue to help us **Re-Tree the Park!**

The St. Regis Park Tree Board



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

On Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm, the American Legion G.I. Joe Post #244 and the City of Jeffersontown will host veterans, active duty military and the general public to the 21st Annual Memorial Day Program at Jeffersontown Veterans Memorial Park on Taylorsville Road.

Keynote Speaker - Heather French Henry
Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs
and former Miss America

- National Anthem:
- Jeffersontown Police Chaplain Tom Dilard
- Patriotic Music Program:
- Thoroughbred Chorus
- In Command of Ceremonies:
- Commander Kurt Hall, American Legion G.I. Joe Post #244

JEFFERSONTOWN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
(Located .7 miles south of Gaslight Square on Taylorsville Rd.)
Parking: Available at Jeffersontown Community Center

IF INCLEMENT WEATHER:
Service will be held inside Jeffersontown Community Center



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **March 2016**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Woodmont/Lincoln	1	2				3	
Lynnbrook/Aintree				1		1	
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook		1				1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	2					1	1
Dannywood/Browns	2	3				5	
Browns/Lincoln		7		1		1	7
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven							
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	6	3				2	7
Statton/Woodmont		1				1	
Woodmont/St Regis	1						1
St Regis Ln							
Browns/Lowe		3					3
Mt. Vernon							
Total:	12	20	0	2	0	15	19
YTD Total:	31	45		18		50	44
Resident:	5	4		1		10	
Non-Resident:	7	16		1		5	19
YTD- Resident	15	12		7		31	3
YTD-Non-Resident	16	33		11		19	41
TOTAL:	31	45	0	18	0	50	44

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle -
Stranded Motorist -
Council Meeting -
House Watch - 2 (12 ytd)

Suspicious Person - 1 (1 ytd)
Foot Patrol -
Resident Contact - 1 (2 ytd)

Officer Assist - 1 (1 ytd)
Business Check - 44 (117 ytd)
Alarm -

FREE RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, May 14, 2016

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Louisville Water Tower Park

3005 River Road

**Clean out your house and drop off these items for RECYCLING for FREE
(This event is not for businesses)**

BATTERIES (rechargeable and non-rechargeable) Please have them separated.

COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS (monitors—no CRT monitors, terminals, towers, laptops, printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, VHS/DVD players, stereo, cardboard—NO older non-working TVs accepted)

HANDHELD ELECTRONICS (cell phones, cell phone accessories, iPods, tablets, MP3 players)

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (fluorescent light bulbs, oil based paint only, household chemicals—MUST have labels and no leaks)

HOUSEHOLD BUILDING SUPPLIES (cabinets, doors, flooring, windows, hardware, light/ceiling fans, lumber, roofing, siding, tools, etc.)

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (NO Mattresses)

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (working appliances)

MEDICAL SURPLUS ITEMS (walkers, wheelchairs, orthopedic items, diabetic supplies, ace bandages, gauze pads, canes)

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS (shred on-site paper documents ONLY) *Unable to take boxes or plastic bags.*

SHOES (new and gently used) **Must be dry and free of mold.**

Visit www.louisvilleky.gov/district9 for more information

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP MORE MONEY IN YOUR PAYCHECK



A homeowner's tax savings benefit is generally realized when they file their federal income tax return after the money has been spent for the interest and property taxes. Some people

look forward to the refund as a means of forced savings but some people need to realize the savings during the year.

It is possible to adjust the deduction being withheld from the homeowner's salary so they realize the benefit of the savings prior to filing their tax returns in the form of more money in their pay checks. Employees can talk to their employers about increasing their deductions stated on their W-4 form.

By increasing the exemptions or deductions, less is taken out of their check and the employee will receive more each pay period. If a person over-estimates their exemptions and therefore underpays their income tax, they might incur interest and would have additional tax to pay when they filed their tax return.

Buyers considering this strategy should seek tax advice and discuss it with their human relations department at work. Additional information is available on the Internal Revenue Service website about Completing Form W-4 and Worksheets.

Remember, contact your real estate professional to evaluate the opportunities of making a move, and make certain you know the TRUE VALUE of your home BEFORE listing it for sale. A real estate professional has the training and experience to provide solutions to make homes more marketable and help structure favorable transactions.



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ST. ANDREW FARMERS' MARKET St. Andrew United Church of Christ 2608 Browns Lane

The **St. Andrew Farmers' Market** opened for its 7th season on May 12 and will run through October 13. Just like last year, **the market will be open 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm every Thursday, rain or shine.**

What you eat matters – to your health, to the local economy, to the planet.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture compiles a list each year of farmers' markets in the state. For more information on the markets, go to

www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmermarket/index.htm.

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
ORDINANCE 6, SERIES 2015-2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TREE BOARD AND RELATING TO THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TREES AND SHRUBS WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

WHEREAS, the City finds as public policy that trees are an important natural resource that contributes to the aesthetic appeal and beneficial enjoyment of all lands in the City; and

WHEREAS, trees in the city provide air, water and soil protection, filter pollutants, and provide for habitat and biological diversity; and

WHEREAS, well selected and maintained trees contribute to significant increases in property values for residential, commercial and public lands; and

WHEREAS, the City resolves to have a Community Forestry Program meeting the standard of The Tree City US program, as sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters,

WHEREAS, the City desires to make certain modifications to the City ordinance setting up the Tree Board.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of St. Regis Park that Ordinance #5, Series 2103-2014 is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) Applicability. This ordinance provides full power and authority over trees and shrubs located within street rights-of-way, parks and public spaces of the City of St. Regis Park; and to trees and shrubs located on private property adjacent to street rights-of-way that constitute a hazard, or threat as described herein.
- (2) Establishment of Tree Board. There is hereby established a Tree Board for the City of St. Regis Park, which shall consist of three voting members, who shall be citizens and residents of the City of St. Regis Park. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent and approval of the Council, for staggered, three year terms. The Tree Board members shall serve without compensation. The Tree Board shall hold meetings no less than quarterly and any and all meeting must be open to the public, publically announced, and be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting law of Kentucky.
- (3) City Arborist. The City of St. Regis Park shall retain the services of a certified ~~and~~ **licensed** arborist to advise and assist the Tree Board with their duties and responsibilities described in this ordinance, with a cost and contract to be approved annually by the City

as part of its normal budget cycle. Such City Arborist, or any company associated with said City Arborist, shall not perform any trimming, pruning or removals for the City.

- (4) Annual Tree Work Plan. The Tree Board shall study, develop, update annually and administer a written Annual Tree Work Plan, cost of implementation of which shall be within an annual budget to be submitted and approved by the City as part of its annual budget cycle each year. The plan shall address species diversity, planting needs, hazardous trees, insect and disease problems, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs along streets and other public areas and a pattern of regular care such as pruning and watering. The plan shall be presented annually to the City Council for their review, acceptance and approval.
- (5) Additional Assignments. The Tree Board may be assigned by the City Council to research, investigate, consider, and make findings and report upon any other matter in relation to trees and tree preservation.
- (6) Arbor Day. The City of St. Regis Park shall have an annual observance of Arbor Day, for this the Tree Board shall make a proclamation and hold a celebratory ceremony such as presentation of an award, or planting of a tree.
- (7) Budget. The City of St. Regis Park shall fund the Annual Work Plan and Arbor Day observance with an annual budget contribution of at least \$2 per capita, according to the most recent census. The cost of the City Arborist shall not be included in this budget calculation.
- (8) Review and Appeal. The City Council may review the conduct, acts and decisions of the Tree Board. Any property owner has the right to appeal a request, or decision, of the Tree Board to the City Council; which may hear the matter and then, in that event, make a final decision in writing within 60 days.
- (9) Tree/Shrub Planting, Maintenance and Trimming Standards.
 - a. Tree List and Planting Guidelines. The Tree Board and the City Arborist shall create a list of preferred tree species to be planted in the city and establish planting distances and clearances from fire plugs, utilities, sidewalks and other obstructions. The Tree Board shall create additional pruning and maintenance ~~regulations~~ **recommendations** and best practices to fulfill the Tree Board's purpose herein. These ~~regulations~~ **recommendations** shall be mandatory for any tree located (or to be located) within any right of way. The ~~regulations~~ **recommendations** shall not be mandatory (~~but recommended~~) for any tree located on private property.

b. Trees in Public Areas. The City shall have the right to plant, trim, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the right of way of all streets and public right of way, as may be necessary for public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public ground. The Tree Board may select locations in the City for planting of new street trees, in consultation with the City Arborist. No person shall be allowed to prune, top, or remove, a tree in the public right of way without the advice and consent of the Tree Board and the City Arborist. The City will perform and pay for the partial removal of any tree, whether in the right of way or not, that due to a storm event, or other natural condition, has been damaged so as to block a public roadway or sidewalk. The obligation of the City shall extend only to clearing of the public roadway or sidewalk and any further restoration or complete removal of the tree and its cost shall be borne by the homeowner.

c. Trees on Private Property. Property owners are responsible for removing or trimming any tree or shrub that extends over, or obstructs, any street, sidewalk, city sign or right of way. Property owners are also responsible for removing or trimming any diseased, dead or dying tree or shrub; which, if it falls, could obstruct the right of way, endanger life or limb, or impact utilities. The City Arborist shall determine whether any tree or shrub meets these criteria and advise the Citation Officer issue instructions on pruning or removal; with said pruning or removal by the homeowner to occur within 30 days of said notice.

d. Maintenance of Sidewalks and Drainage. It shall be unlawful for the owner or resident of any property abutting any public way to permit weeds or vegetation (other than properly cut grass) to grow or remain in the area between his or her property line and the paved portion of the street and it shall be the duty of such abutting owner, or resident, to maintain the grass in the unpaved portion of the public way adjacent to his or her property and to keep sidewalks and drainage swales adjacent to said property free from obstruction.

e. Tree Incentive Program. The Tree Board and City Arborist, as part of its Annual Tree Work Plan, shall submit a proposal to incentivize the planting, re-planting and maintenance of trees in the City. The proposal shall contain specific criteria for a cost-sharing between the property owners and the city, based on clear and certain public purpose spending and accounting standards. No city money shall be appropriated for any tree which is not within the front or street side yard (as such yards are defined in the Land Development Code). Additionally, the details of said incentive program must be approved by the City Council each year as part of the Tree Board's annual budget and a not to exceed amount for said incentive

program shall be set by the City Council each year. Awards of any said funds after the approval of the incentive program shall be administered by the Tree Board, who shall report on same to the City Council.

(10) Enforcement.

a. If a property owner does not comply with a notice from the City about a provision of this ordinance, the Mayor, at the recommendation of the Tree Board, may hire and send specialists or contractors upon a property, accompanied by the City Citation officer, to carry out the requirements of the notice. If the owner is responsible for the cost according to this ordinance, the City may then bill the property owner for the cost, and it not paid, file a lien to recover the cost.

b. Any person found to have violated this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00 per occurrence. The amount of the fine shall be recommended by the Tree Board and approved by the City Council.

c. No person shall be fined for any violation of this ordinance without first having been notified in writing by the City of the violation and having been given thirty (30) days to correct the violation or to appeal the fine.

First Reading: 3/1/2016
 Second Reading: 4/5/2016
 Passed and Approved: 4/5/2016

 Mayor

ATTEST:

B. W. Wynn 4/5/2016
 Clerk

Those in favor: 5
 Those Opposed: 0

**CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK, ORDINANCE 7, SERIES 2015-2016
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED AND
APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK**

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the salary of both elected and appointed officials of the City of St. Regis Park and compared it to the published pay rates of Kentucky Cities on file with the Kentucky League of Cities and determined that the pay of the City of St. Regis Park is substantially below the median pay in comparable cities;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council desires to compensate its officials fairly and encourage interest in filling any open positions in City government through reasonable compensation;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to change the salary of elected officials by ordinance, prior to the first day in May in the year of election, as long as that change does not take effect during their current term of office;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council can change the compensation of appointed officials at any time

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK:

Section 1. The compensation of each council member is hereby fixed at the sum of \$250.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the beginning of the Council's new term, January 2017.

Section 2. The compensation of the Mayor is hereby fixed at the sum of \$800.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the beginning of the Mayor's new term, January 2019.

Section 3. The compensation of the appointed position of Clerk/Treasurer is hereby fixed at the sum of \$750.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 4. The compensation of the appointed position of Citation Officer is hereby fixed at the sum of \$550.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 5. The amount of compensation for each of the elected officials shall be recomputed annually under the "rubber dollar" theory as referenced in KRS 83A.075 and shall be adjusted based on the "rubber dollar" increase amount as determined by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Local Government (or its successor entity).

Section 6. Any ordinance, or section of an ordinance, in conflict with the foregoing sections is hereby repealed and replaced.

First Reading: 3/1/2016
 Second Reading: 4/5/2016
 Passage and Approval: 4/5/2016

 Mayor

ATTEST:
B. Wynn 4/5/2016
 City Clerk

Aye: 4
 Nay: 1



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