

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-1234-A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 26 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, BY AMENDING ARTICLE X ENTITLED BEAUTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the cleanliness, appearance, and landscaping of the City of Brownsville is a material and significant factor in the quality of life of the residents and citizens of said City; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life in the City of Brownsville requires citizens participation and advice to promote the care and conservation of the same; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brownsville wishes to enhance the beauty of the natural surroundings in Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the City and its citizens and its orderly development, it is proposed that said Chapter be amended in the particulars hereinafter set forth:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE:

Section 1. That from and after the effective date of this Ordinance the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brownsville, Texas is hereby amended by amending Article X to read as follows:

ARTICLE X BEAUTIFICATION

SECTION 26-450: Reserved.

SECTION 26-451: Creation of Committee

There is hereby established a City of Brownsville Beautification Committee. There shall be a minimum of eleven (11) voting members of said Committee who shall meet as hereinafter provided to consider, recommend and implement programs for the beautification of public spaces and for the increase and preservation of our urban tree canopy for the beautification of the City of Brownsville.

SECTION 26-452: Composition and Term of Office

The Composition of the membership of said Committee shall consist of:

- A. A City Commissioner designated by the City Commission to serve during the Commissioners term of office.
- B. One (1) member to be appointed by the City Commission from the tourism industry. Said member shall serve a two (2) year term.
- C. One (1) member to be appointed by the City Commission from Brownsville Shines. Said member to be appointed to a two (2) year term.
- D. One (1) member to be appointed by the City Commission from the Brownsville Natural Resources Conservation Committee. Said members to be appointed to a two (2) year term.
- E. Seven (7) additional members appointed by the City Commission. Each member of the City Commission shall appoint a member to the Committee for a two (2) year term.
- F. The City Manager or his designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Such member shall have no voting privileges.
- G. The City Commission shall fill vacancies for the unexpired term of any of the members of the Beautification Committee.
- H. A member's term in office shall commence with the first regular Beautification Committee meeting following the appointment and terminate with the Beautification Committee meeting at which the successor takes office. No voting member of the Beautification Committee may be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive terms, full or partial. Said limitation shall not apply to the City Commission representative.

SECTION 26-453: Compensation of Committee Members

Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 26-454: Organization and Staff

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson from among its members. The term of the Chairperson shall be one year with

eligibility for reelection. Committee members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson. The City Commission representative shall not be eligible for the Chair.

The City Manager shall be responsible for providing staff support of the Beautification Committee, and, shall be responsible for providing City manpower and other resources as requested by the Beautification Committee as scheduling permits.

SECTION 26-455: Meetings

- A. The Beautification Committee shall hold at least one regular meeting per month which shall at all times be open to the public. The time and place of said meeting shall be posted on the main bulleting board at City Hall and at the usual place the Committee meets.

A quorum consisting of a minimum of six (6) voting members shall be required to conduct business.

- B. If a member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings or three unexcused absences within a twelve-month period, that member may be replaced by the City Commission. It is the chairman's responsibility to notify the City Commission of any member to which this applies.

SECTION 26-456: Duties

The duties of the committee shall be to:

- A. The Committee shall be responsible for preparing a Five 5) Year Plan for the Beautification of the City through planting and landscaping. The Five Year Plan shall be used as a guideline for future programs. Said Plan shall be presented to the City Commission prior to July 31 of each year.
- B. Develop and present to City Commission an Annual Plan outlining the Committee's program recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year. Said plan shall be presented to the City Commission prior to July 31 of each year.
- C. Perform any additional duties as determined by the City Commission that is related to beautification activities.

SECTION 26-457: Funding

A. That a special account will be funded by additionally designating one (1%) percent of any City of Brownsville general obligation or revenue bonds or certificates of obligation issued to fund other projects. This account shall be designated to fund projects to beautify the City recommended by the Beautification Committee.

The City Commission may budget funds annually for the planning, implementation and maintenance of the committee projects.

Section 2. All Ordinances and Resolutions or parts of Ordinances and Resolutions which conflict herewith shall be, and are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its final passage and approval by the City Commission, and upon its publication as by the Charter of the City of Brownsville and the laws of the State of Texas.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED to the First Reading on the 26th day of June, 2001.

Passed to the Second and Final Reading and Approved on this the 10th day of July, 2001.


Blanca Sanchez Vela,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Sarah M. Reed,
City Secretary