## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TULSA, OKLAHOMA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2007 - 03

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY DIRECTING THE TULSA PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR TREES IN TULSA PARKS AND PLACING THE MAINTENANCE, TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1.** The purpose of this Executive Order is to provide coordination and oversight for the maintenance, trimming and removal of trees in Tulsa Parks through the Tree Advisory Committee in order to ensure appropriate tree maintenance and reforestation, which is vital to the beauty and future of Tulsa, and to achieve the goals of the Committee as set forth below.

**Section 2.** As used herein, the Tree Advisory Committee shall mean that Committee which was formed in March 2006 to address Tulsa urban forestry issues.

Section 3. The goals of the Tree Advisory Committee are:

- a. Beautification of the City of Tulsa;
- **b.** Improve electric reliability;
- **c.** Improve public safety;
- **d.** Establish consumer complaint, resolution, and feedback process;
- e. Identify funding mechanisms;
- f. Create a permanent Urban Forestry Initiative; and
- g. Increase citizen/community awareness of urban forestry issues

**Section 3.** In order to accomplish the purpose of this Executive Order, the Tulsa Parks Department shall submit recommendations on a quarterly basis, beginning June 2006, to the Tree Advisory Committee regarding regular maintenance plans for trees in Tulsa Parks.

All trimming and tree removal in City of Tulsa parks shall only be conducted in accordance with such plan; unless a written request is submitted to and approved by the

Mayor in cases where there exists either imminent danger to persons or of the spread of disease to other planting.

The maintenance plans shall include a description of the Tulsa Parks Department's efforts in carrying out its responsibilities under this Executive Order including, but not limited to, performance indicators and measurable objectives for Department action. Each report submitted thereafter shall measure the Department's performance against the objectives set forth in the initial plan.

Section 4. The Director and managers of the Tulsa Parks Department, subject to the authority of the Mayor, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Tree Advisory Committee and to furnish such information, support and assistance, not inconsistent with City ordinances, the laws of the State of Oklahoma or this Executive Order, as may be required in the performance of its responsibilities and functions.

Section 5. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect through and including December 31, 2008.

City Attorney