

**TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ORDINANCE CREATING A TREE BOARD
FOR THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Severance, Colorado (the "Town") is duly organized and validly exists as a Home Rule Town under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Severance has determined that there is no longer any need for a Town Tree Board, and desires to repeal the Code provision creating the Tree Board, in order to accomplish this result:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 2, Article 7 of the Severance Municipal Code entitled "Tree Board" is repealed as follows:

ARTICLE 7. Tree Board

~~Sec. 2-7-10. Creation.~~

~~With the approval of this ordinance, there is hereby created and established a Town Tree Board for the Town of Severance, Colorado.~~

~~Sec. 2-7-20. Purpose.~~

~~The Town Tree Board is created for the following purposes to study, investigate, council and develop and/or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The Tree Board, when requested by the Board of Trustees, shall consider, investigate, make finding, report and recommend upon any special matter of question coming within the scope of its work. The board shall serve as an advisory board to the Town Board of Trustees.~~

~~Sec. 2-7-30. Composition.~~

~~The Tree Board shall consist of five (5) members. All such members shall be bona fide residents of the Town and must have resided in Town for a least one (1) years. All such members shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees after such selection process as the Board, by majority vote, approves. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, on a volunteer basis.~~

~~Sec. 2-7-40. Terms.~~

~~Tree Board members appointed by the Board of Trustees shall serve for a term of four (4) years. After the expiration of all existing terms, all terms shall again run for four (4) years, each expiring in a year in which there is no regular municipal election.~~

~~Sec. 2-5-50. Removal of members.~~

~~A member of the Tree Board may be removed by the Board of Trustees if the member:~~

- ~~1) Misses two (2) consecutive meetings or misses three (3) regular monthly meetings in a calendar year; or~~
- ~~2) Neglects his or her duty or commits malfeasance in office; and~~
- ~~3) The member has been given written notice of the reasons for the proposed removal in writing at least seven (7) days prior to removal and is given an opportunity to respond to the governing body regarding the reasons set forth in the notice.~~

~~**Sec. 2-5-60. Alternate members.**~~

~~The Board of Trustees may appoint an alternate member of the Tree Board. The alternate member shall be counted as a member for purposes of establishing a quorum. Such alternative member is encouraged to attend all meetings of the Tree Board but shall only participate in the proceedings of the Tree Board if a regular Member is absent from the meeting. If a regular Member is absent at the beginning of the meeting and later arrives, the alternate member shall not participate further in the proceedings.~~

~~**Sec. 2-5-70. Officers.**~~

~~The Tree Board shall select a Chair who shall serve a term of one (1) year with eligibility for reelection. A Vice Chair may be selected from the entire membership of the Tree Board.~~

~~However, no alternate member shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the Tree Board. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, any member of the Tree Board may conduct the meeting.~~

~~**Sec. 2-5-80. Meetings.**~~

~~The Tree Board shall conduct at least one (1) regular meeting each month unless canceled at the discretion of the Town Administrator. Three (3) members of the Tree Board shall constitute a quorum. A member of the administrative staff of the Town shall attend each meeting and shall keep a record of the Tree Board's actions, transactions, findings and determinations. If no administrative staff is available, a member of the Tree Board shall keep the record for the Tree Board. The records of the Tree Board are public records.~~

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any section, phrase, clause, or portion of the Ordinance as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

Section 4. In accordance with Section 6.03(6) of the Severance Home Rule Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

INTRODUCED, READ, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO

Matthew Fries, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF WELD)

I, Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk for the Town of Severance, Colorado do solemnly swear and affirm that I published in full a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-17 enacted by the Town Council on August 12 2025, on the Town of Severance’s website, www.townofseverance.org/255/Ordinances , on the 15 day of August , 2025.

Witness my hand and seal this 15 day of August , 2025.

Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk