

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, AT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 1959, THE PROPOSITION OF LEVYING A TAX FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A LONG TERM FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR THE PROPAGATION AND PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY TREES IN THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, it appears that disease caused and causes death and destruction of the Elm trees, and that the spreading of the disease and the death and destruction of Elm trees in the City of Urbana necessitates or will necessitate removal of the hundreds of diseased and dead Elm trees on the streets and alleys and municipal areas and city public places in the City of Urbana, and,

WHEREAS, the General Funds of the City of Urbana are insufficient to cover the cost of removal of the many hundreds of dead Elm trees, and those expected to be dead in the near future, and to cover the cost of appropriate actions of tree removal and reforestation, and,

WHEREAS, It is the desire and intention of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, to provide funds for the removal of dead trees, and to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a long term forestry program for the propagation and preservation of community trees within the City of Urbana, and,

WHEREAS, it is provided in an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved July 21, 1947, that the corporate authorities of any municipality may levy annually, a tax not to exceed .05 per cent of the full, fair cash value of the taxable property of the City, as assessed and equalized by the Department of Revenue, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a long term forestry program for the propagation and preservation of community trees in the municipality, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general purposes by the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of said municipality desire and intend to employ such tax authorized by the General Assembly; and,

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intend to submit the question of the adoption of such forestry tax by referendum to the electors of the municipality, at the general municipal election to be held in the City on Tuesday, April 7, 1959 in accordance with said Act of the General Assembly, and,

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the municipality desire and intend to submit to the electors the issue of the production of Revenue by a municipal annual levy of a tax not to exceed .05 per cent of the full, fair cash value, as equalized and assessed by the department of revenue on all taxable property in the municipality for each current year, for the first possible consecutive five years, and limited to those five years only, by means of said Act of the General Assembly provided for municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, hereby provides for a levy for the municipal year beginning May 1, 1959, and each municipal year thereafter for four further consecutive years, a tax not to exceed .05 per cent of the full, fair cash value as assessed or equalized by the Department of Revenue, on all taxable property in the City of Urbana, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a long term forestry program for the propagation and preservation of community trees in the municipality, the levy of such tax annually is to be for five consecutive years, and for five years only.

SECTION 2. That the proposition of levying such tax shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Urbana, Illinois, for their approval at a General Municipal Election to be held on the 7th day of April A.D.1959, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M and 6:00 o'clock P.M on said day.

SECTION 3. The polling places for said election, shall be those places designated in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which polling places are identical with the polling places to be used in the General Election on April 7, 1959, and

the same judges and officials shall be designated as election judges and officials for this referendum as may be designated to conduct said General Election.

SECTION 4. Notice of said election shall be by publication in the Champaign-Urbana Courier, which said newspaper is of general circulation and is published in the City of Urbana, not more than 30 days and not less than 15 days previous to the date of said election which said notice shall be substantially in the following form.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM FOR FORESTRY TAX

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a General Municipal Election of the City of Urbana, Illinois, to be held on April 7, 1959, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M and 6:00 o'clock P.M, there will be submitted to the voters of the City of Urbana, Illinois, the proposition of voting yes or no as to the annual levying of a forestry tax by said City, of not to exceed .05 per cent of the full, fair cash value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of all taxable property in the City, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a long term forestry program for the propagation and preservation of community trees in the municipality, such annual levy to be made for the earliest five consecutive years.

The polling places for said referendum shall be located in the seven wards of the City of Urbana, as follows:
First Ward - Champaign County Court House, 101-107 E. Main Street.
Second Ward.- 505 West Park Street, Urbana.
Third Ward - Lincoln School, 301 N. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana.
Fourth Ward - Church of Christ, 701 S. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana
Fifth Ward - Universalist-Unitarian Church, 311 W. Green Street.
Sixth Ward - 706 East Oregon Street, Urbana.
Seventh Ward - Urbana High School, 1002 S. Race Street, Urbana.

Polls at said election will be opened at 6:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

All persons qualified to vote at any general municipal election of the City of Urbana, Illinois are qualified to vote on this proposition.

By order of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1959, A.D.1959.

Stanley B. Weaver, Mayor of said City.

Bess M. Holmes, City Clerk of said City.

SECTION 5. Said proposition shall be set out on a separate ballot to be used at said election, which ballot shall be in the following form:

(FACE OF BALLOT)

OFFICIAL BALLOT.

Place a cross (X) in the space to the right of the word indicating the way you desire to vote:

"Shall Article 69.1 of the Revised Cities and Villages Act permitting municipalities to levy an additional annual tax of not to exceed .05 per cent for the establishment and maintenance of a long term forestry program for the propagation and preservation of community trees, for the earliest consecutive five years, be adopted?"	YES
	NO

(BACK OF BALLOT)

OFFICIAL BALLOT.

To vote upon the proposition of whether or not the City of Urbana, should be permitted to levy a forestry tax annually of not to exceed .05 per cent for the establishment and maintenance of a long term forestry program for the propagation and preservation of community trees.


(Facimile Signature)
CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk of the City of Urbana, is hereby directed to prepare all necessary instructions to voters, specimen ballots, and to cause the notice of election to be published as herein provided and to take all steps required by

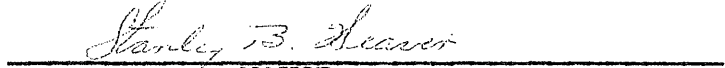
law to conduct properly said election. Specimen ballots shall be published according to law.

SECTION 7. After said election, the returns thereof shall be filed with the City Clerk of said City for inspection.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, this 2nd day of February, A.D. 1959.


CITY CLERK

Approved by the Mayor of said City this 2nd day of February A. D. 1959.


MAYOR.