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AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS  
OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO  
BE HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 1953, 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

WHEREAS, it appears that a disease affecting certain Elm trees is presently spreading with considerable rapidity in the City of Urbana and loss of trees on public property will put an unusually heavy burden on the Street Department of said City and will require the City to expend funds for the removal of dead trees, as well as for the preservation of the trees which are still alive; and

WHEREAS, the general funds of the City of Urbana are insufficient to cover the cost of removal of the dead trees and the spraying required to prevent further spreading of the disease; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois to provide funds to pay for the removal of the dead trees and to pay for the spraying of the trees to prevent further spreading of the Elm Tree Disease; 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 of not to exceed .05 per cent of the full fair cash value of the taxable property in the City, as 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.

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 desires to levy for the municipal year beginning May 1, 1954 and each municipal year thereafter, a tax not to exceed .05 per cent of the full fair cash value, as equalized by the Department of Revenue, of 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.

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 special municipal election to be held on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1953 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. of 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 special election of October 6, 1953 and the same judges and clerks shall be designated as election officials for this referendum as may be designated to conduct a special election concerning the uniting of the city governments of the cities of Champaign and Urbana as heretofore ordered by the County Judge of Champaign County, Illinois.

SECTION 4. Notice of said election shall be given by publication of one notice in the News Gazette and one notice in the Champaign-Urbana Courier, both of which newspapers are of general circulation in the City of Urbana, at least thirty (30) days previous to the date of the election and publication of one additional notice in each of said newspapers not more than thirty (30) nor less than fifteen (15) days before 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 special municipal election of the City of Urbana, Illinois, to be held on October 6, 1953, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., there will be submitted to the voters of the City of Urbana, Illinois, the proposition of assenting 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.

The polling places for said referendum shall be located in the seven wards of the City of Urbana as follows:

First Ward - Court House; Second Ward - 505 West Park Street;

Third Ward - Lincoln School; Fourth Ward - Unitarian Church; Fifth Ward - Universalist Church; Sixth Ward - 701 East Washington Street; Seventh Ward - Urbana High School.

Polls at said election will be opened at 6:00 in the forenoon and will close at 5:00 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 17th day of August, A. D. 1953.

Glen E. Chapman, 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 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 17th day of August, A. D. 1953.

  
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CITY CLERK

Approved by the Mayor of said City this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Augst, A. D.

1953.

  
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MAYOR