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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 5, 1955, 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 two diseases affecting certain Elm Trees are presently spreading with considerable rapidity in the City of Urbana, Illinois so that many hundreds of Elm Trees are dying on the streets and public places of said City and will continue to so die unless a program is developed in the entire community to control the Dutch Elm Disease and to prevent the spread of Phloem Necrosis, 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 which have been dying during the past four years and which are expected to die in the future, and to cover the cost of taking various other actions appropriate to prevent the spreading of said diseases, 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 provide 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 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, 1955 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 General Municipal Election to be held on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1955, 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 General Election of April 5, 1955 and the same judges and clerks shall be designated as election officials for this referendum as may be designated to conduct said General Election.

SECTION 4. Notice of said election shall be given 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 thirty (30) days and not less than fifteen (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 5, 1955, 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 21st day of February, A. D. 1955.

Glen E. Chapman
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 21st day of February, A. D. 1955.


CITY CLERK

Approved by the Mayor of said City this 22nd day of February, A. D. 1955.


MAYOR