

AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING A BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE TOWN OF LEDYARD

Be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard

Section 1. Authority

Pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 5 of the Town Charter, there is hereby established a Beautification Committee for the Town of Ledyard.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Beautification Committee is to provide support preserving and maintaining the beauty of Ledyard's rural community and its town buildings, school facilities, parks and public spaces.

Section 3. Membership

The Beautification Committee shall consist of nine (9) members from the Community-at-Large appointed by the Town Council. Members, shall be electors of the town and to the extent as possible include one member to represent each of the following:

- Parks & Recreation
- Economic Development Commission

In addition, the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools and Public Works Director or their designee shall serve as ex-officio members.

For Board of Education beautification projects, one temporary member to represent the Board of Education shall be appointed by the Town Council. The temporary member shall have the right to vote on the activities of the Beautification Committee only with respect to the particular project for which such member was appointed.

Quorum: A quorum shall consist of a majority of voting members.

Section 4. Terms of Appointment

Members shall be appointed by the Town Council for a term of three (3) years and shall commence to serve their terms immediately upon appointment and shall serve until they have been reappointed, their successor has qualified; or are removed by the Town Council.

Any vacancy on the Committee, other than by expiration of term, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Town Council with priority given to maintain the structure above.

The Town Council may remove members for cause and fill the vacancy per Chapter IV, Section 6 of the Town Charter. Cause for removal shall include, but is not limited to, unexcused absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings and any intervening duly called special meeting.

Any member of the Committee who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings and any intervening duly called special meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission and the vacancy shall be filled as hereinbefore provided, except that the Commission may vote to waive the requirements of the section in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements of this action

It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Committee to notify the Town Council when a member has not properly performed his duties.

The regular members of the *Beautification Committee* shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Any vacancy in any such office shall be filled by from its membership.

Section 5. Powers and Duties

- Identify town-owned areas requiring regular landscape maintenance (aside from large parcel mowing e.g. playing fields, lawns, etc. already cared for by other agencies).
- Identify organizations (town departments, volunteer organizations, businesses) willing to be accountable for and able to maintain specific parcels.
- Assign parcels to organizations, monitor, support, and reassign as needed.
- Market Ledyard's message of community pride with maintained landscaping/ beautification (at little to no cost).
- Shall provide an annual report to the Town Council.

The beautification and maintenance responsibilities also include the facilitation or oversight of the following:

- Mowing, pruning, and trimming
- Weeding
- Planting
- Mulching
- Watering
- Weed and pest control
- Appropriate signage
- Flower pots
- US Flags /Seasonal Décor on street lamps

Section 6. Monetary Gifts/Funding

The *Beautification Committee* is authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Ledyard gifts or other monetary donations for the beautification, maintenance and regular landscaping of identified town-owned areas.

All monies received by the Town of Ledyard, from whatever source and by whatever means, as gifts for the beautification, maintenance and regular landscaping of identified town-owned areas shall be deposited into Fund 0208 (Beautification Donations). These funds shall be in the custody of the Town Treasurer. Annually, the Town Treasurer shall submit to the *Beautification Committee* and the Legislative Body of the Town a complete and detailed report of the Beautification Donations Fund.

Upon the *Beautification Committee's* authorization gifted money that has been received may be expended directly from this fund for the beautification, maintenance and regular landscaping of identified town-owned areas or for the specific purpose in which the funds were gifted.

Section. 7. Severability

If any section, or part of a section, of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 8. Effective Date

In accordance with the Town Charter this ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after such publication following its final passage.

Amended, Adopted and Renumbered by the Ledyard Town Council on: September 25, 2019

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Approve/ Disapprove on: _____

Fred B. Allyn, III, Mayor

Published on:

Effective Date:

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Revisions: *“Resolution Establishing a Ledyard Pride and Beautification Commission”* Adopted August 10, 2016 was replaced by Ordinance #148 *“An Ordinance Establishing a Beautification Committee”* Adopted April 25, 2018; Effective: May 23, 2018..

History: The Twenty-fourth Town Council (2017- 2019) Ordinance Update Initiative: Renumbered Ordinance #148 to Ordinance # 100-008.

2018: Removed *“Pride”* from the Committee title; Section 4 *“Membership”* added language regarding member attendance relative to resignation.

2019: Section 4 *“Membership”* updated language regarding attendance, resignation and appointment. Removed Section 7 *“Cancellation”* – Per Town Attorney a *“Cancellation Section”* was not needed. The *“Revisions”* and *“History”* paragraphs indicate that the previous ordinance has been updated and replaced. Added new Section 7 *“Effective Date”* to be consistent with Town Ordinance format.