



CITY of POOLER  
GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA }  
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COUNTY OF CHATHAM }

**ORDINANCE O2025-12.A**

Tree Fund Revisions

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF POOLER CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 42- ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE VI- TREE PROTECTION, DIVISION 1- TREE PROTECTION FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, SECTION 42-196- INTENT AND SECTION 42-202- RESERVED, TO AMEND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE TREE FUND; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pooler that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pooler, Georgia are hereby amended as follows:

**I**

That CHAPTER 42- ENVIRONMENT, Article VI- Tree Protection, Division 1- Tree Protection for Land Development Activities, Section 42-196- Intent, be amended by deleting the strikethrough language and adding the underlined text as follows:

**Sec. 42-196. - Intent**

(c) Definitions.

Tree fund. ~~An self-balancing set of accounts, maintained by the finance department of the city, of funds contributed from developers to account for the receipt of contributions from developers as a form of alternative compliance to the Pooler Tree Ordinance. Funds from the tree fund are to be used solely to fund tree planting, maintenance and landscaping projects within the city as authorized by the City Manager.~~  
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**II**

That CHAPTER 42- ENVIRONMENT, Article VI- Tree Protection, Division 1- Tree Protection for Land Development Activities, Section 42-202- Reserved, be amended by adding the underlined text as follows:

**Sec. 42-202. - Reserved. Expenditures from Tree Fund**

Resources of the tree fund are to be used solely for tree planting, maintenance, landscaping projects, and purchase of greenspace within the city. The City Manager may authorize expenditures from the Tree Fund in accordance with the City of Pooler Charter, Article III, Section 3.24 as amended.

**III**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed.

**IV**

If any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**V**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of Pooler, Georgia.

FIRST READING: 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2026

SECOND READING: 2ND day of FEBRUARY, 2026

ADOPTED: 2ND day of MARCH, 2026

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Karen L. Williams  
Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco  
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

