Tree Ordinance Template

A tree ordinance template outline for communities writing local rules for tree care. Use it to list the common sections a tree ordinance covers.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

Purpose and scope

Definitions

Tree board or authority

Public tree care duties

Planting rules

Protection rules

Removal permits

Enforcement and penalties

Appeals process

TIP Have your city attorney review any draft ordinance, and look at examples from nearby communities.