

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2021-27

**Sponsor:** Council President Hazouri

**Date of Introduction:** January 12, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** January 11, 2021

**Type of Action:** Reappointment Confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the appointment of Isaac Rhodes Robinson to the Tree Commission, as a member of an environmental organization from the At-Large Group 2 residency area, for a second term ending December 31, 2021.

**Background Information:** The Tree Commission is established as an advisory board pursuant to Chapter 94, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to study, make recommendations, and formulate an overall plan with respect to the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy which includes maintenance of an inventory of the urban tree canopy, conducting educational outreach programs, preparing and analyzing maps, identifying issues relating to health of public trees, recommend and develop opportunities for the City's grant writing office to aide in solicitation of donations to support the tree canopy, perform an annual audit of funded projects to be included in an annual report to the Mayor's Office and City Council. Finally, it is the duty of the Commission to review expenditure proposals for planting projects and formulate a priority list, based on established criteria for recommendation to the Council.

Section 94.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that three of the seven members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council from the general public. Members should possess a specialized knowledge about trees and, to the extent possible; members should represent each Council At-Large residency area and come from various categories, including member of an environmental organization.

Mr. Robinson received a master's degree in wildlife biology from North Carolina State University and is a Certified Environmental Professional and Professional Wetland Scientist. He owns *Environmental Services, Inc.*, an environmental consulting company. Mr. Robinson is a member of the Society of Wetland Scientists and the Association of State Wetland Managers. He resides in Council District #3.

**Attendance:** Mr. Robinson has an attendance record of 78% (33 of 42 meetings attended).

**Policy Impact Area:** Tree Commission operations

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated to be minimal

**Analyst:** Distel