

CONNECTICUT TREE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (as amended January 15, 2009)

BE IT KNOWN THAT WE, the subscribers, do hereby associate ourselves as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to the statute laws of the State of Connecticut regulating the formation and organization of corporations without capital stock, and the following are our Articles of Association.

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Connecticut Tree Protective Association, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as “The Association”.

ARTICLE II – A Non-Profit Organization

The Association shall be exclusively educational and scientific, being non-partisan, non-political, and non-profit making. No officer, member or employee thereof shall ever receive any pecuniary profit from the operations of the Association except reasonable compensation for services effecting its purposes.

ARTICLE III – Purpose

The Association is established for the following purposes: (a) to promote the protection and care of trees in Connecticut by encouraging the practice of proper and efficient methods by tree workers; (b) to advocate beneficial arboreal legislation and adequate tree planting and care appropriations by the state, cities, towns and boroughs of Connecticut; (c) to bring about closer cooperation among all parties interested in the protection of trees; (d) to sponsor meetings devoted to the presentation and exchange of scientific data and general information helpful to tree preservation practices; (e) to foster research in the field of arboriculture; (f) to encourage a greater interest in the planting of trees; (g) to promote good fellowship and ethical practices in the arboricultural profession.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

The membership shall consist of the subscribers and all members of the unincorporated Connecticut Tree Protective Association, who are in good standing on the date of incorporation, and those other persons interested in the care, protection and planting of trees, who shall from time-to-time be constituted members in the manner and under the provisions set forth in the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE V – Officers and Board of Directors

The Officers shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be six or more Directors, who together with the Officers, shall constitute a Board of Directors. The Officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting and shall hold office until the ensuing annual meeting or until they resign or until they are removed from office.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting in January at a time set by the Board of Directors and such other meetings as may be called from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Association By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII – By-Laws

By-Laws, subordinate to and not in conflict with the Articles of Association, may be adopted in the interest of good management of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII – Business Location

The main office of the Association shall be located at a site to be determined by the Board.

ARTICLE IX – Executive Secretary

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Secretary to help conduct business of the organization. The Executive Secretary is not a member of the Board of Directors and, thus, has no voting rights at Board Meetings.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

These Articles of Association may be amended from time to time as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds majority of the members at a meeting of the association called in accordance with the Association By-Laws.