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To amend section 727.011 of the Revised Code
regarding special assessments for shade trees.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 727.011 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 727.011. (A) For purposes of this section, "nonprofit
land conservation organization" means a nonprofit organization
described in section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code that
is dedicated to land conservation purposes.

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(B) For the purpose of controlling the blight and disease
of shade trees within public rights-of-way, and for planting,
maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees in and along the
streets of a municipality, the legislative authority of such
municipal corporation may establish one or more districts in the
municipality designating the boundaries thereof, and may each
year thereafter, by ordinance, designate the district in which
such control, planting, care, and maintenance shall be effected.
The ordinance shall set forth an estimate of the cost and
providing for the levy of a special assessment upon all the real
property in the district, in the amount and in the manner
provided in section 727.01 of the Revised Code, for planting,

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maintaining, trimming, and removing shade trees. However, the 21
ordinance may provide for an exemption from special assessments 22
that applies to ~~entities that are determined by the internal-~~ 23
~~revenue service to be tax-exempt pursuant to section 501(c)(3)-~~ 24
~~of the Internal Revenue Code~~nonprofit land conservation 25
organizations. The ordinance shall be adopted as other 26
ordinances and a succinct summary of the ordinance shall be 27
published in the manner provided in section 731.21 of the 28
Revised Code. Bonds and anticipatory notes may be issued in 29
anticipation of the collection of such special assessments, 30
under section 133.17 of the Revised Code. 31

Section 2. That existing section 727.011 of the Revised 32
Code is hereby repealed. 33