



On establishing the usage patterns, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in green belts

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Order of the Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated June 30, 2021, No. 224. Registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan on July 1, 2021, No. 23224

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This order shall come into effect on July 1, 2021.

In accordance with paragraph 8 of Article 265 of the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated January 2, 2021, **I HEREBY ORDER:**

1. To approve the usage patterns, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in green belts in accordance with the Annex to this order.

2. The Committee for Forestry and Wildlife of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in the manner prescribed by law, shall ensure:

1) state registration of this order with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

2) placement of this order on the Internet resource of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan after its official publication;

3) within ten working days after the state registration of this order, submission to the Legal Service Department of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan of information on the implementation of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1) and 2) of paragraph 2 of this order.

3. To impose control over the execution of this order on the supervising Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

4. This order shall come into effect on July 1, 2021, and is subject to official publication.

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Usage patterns, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in green belts

Chapter 1. General Provisions

1. These usage patterns, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in green belts (hereinafter referred to as the Patterns) have been developed in accordance with paragraph 8 of Article 265 of the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated January 2, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the Code) and shall determine the usage patterns, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in green belts.

2. Patterns shall determine the scope of use, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in the green belt of cities and towns.

3. The green belt is a collection of areas of urban forests, green areas of settlements and medical and recreational institutions with a regime of limited economic activity.

4. The green belt shall be created around cities and towns to use its ecological and social significant functions characteristic of it in a growing state (oxygen release, carbon dioxide absorption, soil protection from water and wind erosion, transfer of surface water runoff into subsoil, sanitary -hygienic and climate-regulating properties).

5. The green belt shall be allocated by the decision of local executive bodies from the territories of urban forests, green areas of settlements and medical and recreational institutions , or created in the territory of cities and rural settlements based on working projects for forestry design. The Green belt shall be created in the form of a legal entity with the right of forest ownership granted in accordance with the Forest Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the Forest Code).

Chapter 2. Usage patterns, protection, conservation, and reproduction of forests located in green belts

6. The following activities shall be carried out in the green belt:

- 1) forest felling, except for continuous felling of forest and other plantations;
- 2) environmental education activities;
- 3) scientific activity;
- 4) tourist and recreational activities;

5) secondary forest uses (haymaking, placement of beehives and apiaries, harvesting and collection of medicinal plants and technical raw materials, fruits, nuts, mushrooms, berries and other food products, fallen leaves, and reeds).

7. All activities on the territory of the green belt listed in paragraph 7 shall be carried out in accordance with the Forest Code.

8. In the territories of green belts, activities in accordance with Article 265 of the Code shall be prohibited.

Paragraph 1. Protection and conservation of forests located in the green belt

9. The protection and conservation protection of forests located in the green belt shall be carried out in accordance with the Forest Code.

10. Forest protection shall include:

- 1) prevention and extinguishing of forest fires;
- 2) prevention of illegal logging and damage to trees;
- 3) prevention of forest pollution by household and construction waste.

11. Forest protection shall include:

- 1) current, forwarding, aero visual and forest pathological surveys;
- 2) general, reconnaissance and detailed observations of the development of forest pests and diseases;
- 3) implementation of ground and aerial work to combat pests and diseases of the forest;
- 4) prevention and elimination of foci of pests and forest diseases;
- 5) carrying out sanitary and other cuttings.

Paragraph 2. Reproduction of forests located in the green belt

12. In accordance with Article 73 of the Forest Code, the scope of work in the state forest fund for reforestation and afforestation shall be determined by projects developed by forest management and design and survey organizations specializing in this area.

13. Reforestation and afforestation and control over their quality shall be carried out in accordance with the Rules for reforestation and afforestation and control over their quality approved by order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 22, 2014, No. 18-02/681 (registered in the Register of State Registration of Normative Legal Acts under No. 10119).

14. Reforestation and afforestation shall be carried out in the following ways:

- 1) natural reforestation;
- 2) carrying out measures to promote the natural regeneration of the forest;
- 3) creation of forest plantations;
- 4) maintenance of forest nurseries for the needs of the green belt;
- 5) creation of permanent forest seed plots.

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