

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT RESOLUTION

CITY OF ORLANDO

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ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RE: TO ENTER INTO A GRANT WITH THE
STATE OF FLORIDA, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND
CONSUMER SERVICES, FLORIDA FOREST
SERVICE

The Orlando City Council, in regular meeting duly assembled on Monday, March 28, 2016, resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of our community; and

WHEREAS, investing in trees can encourage walking, public gathering and neighborhood-oriented commercial activity; and

WHEREAS, trees not only beautify but also have long term positive health impacts such improved air quality, reduced heat island effects and prevent soil erosion; and

WHEREAS, Orlando has made significant gains through its street tree program in replanting lost street trees, many streets still lack adequate shade or comfortable places to walk; and

WHEREAS, Orlando's new City-wide One Person One Tree initiative is to increase the urban canopy cover to 40% by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando desires to apply for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant which would provide 50% of the monies in which to help fund the City of Orlando's Urban Forestry Education program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando wishes to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Orlando, Florida and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Orlando, Orange County Florida:

Section 1. The City Council supports the development of a One Person One Tree Associate contract position to administer the educational program to further educate its residents and local tree services on proper tree care and maintenance as well as coordinate tree planting events.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Orlando, Florida and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

RESOLVED AND DONE, this 28th day of March, 2016, by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Orange County, Florida.

BY: _____

Mayor Buddy Dyer

ATTEST: _____

Byron Brooks, CAO